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MEET THE NEW GUARDIANS OF ART AND CULTURE IN BRIDGEND!

Awen Trust's number one priority is *your* cultural wellbeing...

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) has announced the name of a new not-for-profit cultural trust being set up to run a range of arts and cultural facilities.

Awen Cultural Trust Ltd will go live in autumn 2015 and will be responsible for Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion, Maesteg Town Hall, Bryngarw House and Country Park, and Blaengarw Workmen's Hall, along with the entire library service, some community centres and two work-based projects for adults with disabilities.

'Awen', an ancient Welsh word for artistic inspiration, has been chosen by staff as a fitting name for the new organisation.

An independent board of trustees has also been appointed, led by local man Alan Morgan, who has been nominated as chair designate. Currently the managing director of Hafod Housing association, he has worked for both Welsh and local government.

He is involved with a number of third sector organisations, as well as being a school governor.

Mr Morgan said: "Enhancing the cultural wellbeing of local people and visitors to the area is Awen's number one priority. As the newly-appointed chair, I look forward to working with my board colleagues and the wider team to create a vibrant cultural service that is accessible to all."

Coun Phil White, BCBC's cabinet member for adult social care, health and wellbeing, added: "We are delighted to see people of such high calibre appointed to the board of the new cultural trust.

"These individuals have a great deal of skill and experience, as well as a passion for and commitment to these wonderful services and facilities.

"Along with the committed staff teams, I'm sure they have the necessary creativity and business acumen to meet the challenges of sustaining cultural provision in what will no doubt be a difficult financial climate."

The GEM asked about new staffing and a BCBC spokesman said: ""Staff will transfer across to the new cultural trust under TUPE regulations and the trust will develop a management structure that is fit-for-purpose for an organisation of its size.

"It will be led by a chief executive and a small senior management team that will be accountable to a voluntary board of trustees."

ABOVE: The Awen Cultural Trust Ltd board members are – back row, left to right – Martyn Jones – staff trustee, library manager for Y Llynfi and and Maesteg libraries; Claire Marshall – independent trustee, a chartered accountant and MBA graduate; Paul Roberts – independent trustee, chief executive of a housing association; Peter Lees – independent trustee, a retired HR manager and Fellow of the Institute of Personnel and Development; Ms Yvonne Murphy – independent trustee, a theatre practitioner and Fellow of RSA and CLORE (Cultural Leadership); Will Campion, independent trustee, is a business consultant. Front row, left to right: Margaret Griffiths – independent trustee, a retired principal librarian and community volunteer; Coun John McCarthy – council trustee, represents the Hendre ward in Pencoed and is a community volunteer; Coun Jeff Tildesley MBE – council trustee, represents the Cornelly ward and is a community volunteer; Alan Morgan – independent trustee (chair designate), managing director of a housing association; Leighton Thomas – independent trustee, a retired IT manager and community volunteer.

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Porthcawl girl's triathlon medal

CARDIFF MET graduate Zoe Thomas scooped silver in the triathlon mixed relay event alongside her team at the European under-23 Championships in Banyoles, Spain, at the end of July.

Zoe, from Porthcawl, is a recent Cardiff Met BSc sport and exercise graduate, and represented Team GB, together with five other athletes at the championships.

Team GB also included Lucy Hall, Hannah Drewett, Chloe Cook, Marc Austin, and Chris Perham in the individual events.

The mixed team relay was Zoe, Issy Morris (stepping up from the youth contingent), Marc and Chris.

The team took home the silver medal for the mixed relay event, beating Team Spain but narrowly missing out to Team Italy.

Zoe added: "The relay was fast and furious. The atmosphere spurred the team on to a great performance.

"To share the podium with fellow Welsh athlete Issy Morris made it even better.

"The whole event was an incredible experience and gives me hope that I can keep improving and get more opportunities to race at this level and higher over the next few years."

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Furniture Aid charity on move

THE Community Furniture Aid charity (CFA) has moved from Pyle to Pontycymer and is now based in a former church in the village.

Spokeswoman Marianne Cash said: "We are in desperate need of items to put into starter packs for people.

"These include cutlery, small kitchen items, mugs, cooking bowls (Pyrex type), saucepans, frying pans, measuring jugs, kettles, irons, toasters and other small electricals (in good working order); clean (with fire labels) small two-seater or single armchairs, vacuum cleaners or dustpans and brush, brooms; clean reuseable items – in particular, in need of single or small wardrobes, chests of drawers, clean single beds, including space saver type.

"CFA provides crisis packs, house starter kits to those most in need in our community. We rely on clean donated household items.

"We accept furniture, household items, clean bedding and clothing. We offer a part house clearance service. Any items that are donated to us but unsuitable for our purpose may be sold to raise funds to keep us able to operate. Monetary donations are always welcome."

Contact CFA on 07597 317338; or email: communityfurnitureaid@gmail.com. The Gothic, 9B Alexandra Road, Pontycymer, Bridgend CF32 8HB.

Diabetes Care needs your help

DIABETES UK is campaigning hard for better diabetes care but we can't do it without help from people living with diabetes.

We have a network of Diabetes Voices, who work with us to campaign and influence for improvements in diabetes services. By joining, people can help support our work to improve diabetes care and make their local health board aware of areas of their services that may not be up to scratch.

From quick and simple online actions, or starting their own local campaign, there are many ways to get involved and make a difference.

Sign up online at *www.diabetes.org.uk/voices* or contact the Diabetes Voices team on 02074 241008 or *diabetesvoices@diabetes.org.uk* for more information.

We need patient voices to be heard loudly and clearly by those who can make real changes.

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Stained glass window awards

ST PAUL'S, CHURCH, Pontyclun, hosted ts fourth stained glass window festival earlier this year and the windows, as always, were exceptional and imaginative.

Visitors found great difficulty choosing their favourite 'windows'.

First favourite 'window' went to Beci Shearman's 'Cariad' made of recycled materials including wool strands and buttons. Second favourite was the Thursday Group's flower arrangement of 'The Light Within'.

Third favourite was shared between Cafe 50's 'Friendship', of combined craft work and Tony Giles' 'Leave only Footprints', a driftwood window.

The fourth favourite window of many colourful butterflies forming 'Butterflies of Heaven,' went to eight-year-old Freya Charles.

Many thanks to all who took part in this year's festival, from the tea ladies and cake makers, our resident organist Mrs S Lewis, visitors to St Paul's over both days, and especially those who made stained glass windows.

The festival is not only about raising funds for the church but an opportunity for visitors to be inspired by the creativity which abounds in our villages.

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WHY NOT SHARE COMMUNITY NEWS?

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM: If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Ladies' choir

CÔR Merched Cwm Llynfi's (Llynfi Valley Ladies Choir), annual concert takes place on September 25 in Maesteg Town Hall at 7pm, led by musical director Paul Deenik and accompanist Laura Deenik.

The compère for the evening will be Dr Rhys Jones, best known for BBC TV's *Rhys to the Rescue* and *Rhys Jones's Wildlife Patrol,* for which he received a BAFTA award.

The choir would welcome new members and rehearses on Wednesday evenings at the Catholic Church Our Lady and St Patrick, Monica Street, Maesteg at 7pm.

Charity ride

MAESTEG Hospital League of Friends is organising a leisure cycle ride along the cycle track and on quiet roads, on Sunday, August 16.

It will start at the top of Caerau and go down to the Garth Inn, Bridgend Road, Garth. Entry is free, but please raise some sponsorship from your families and friends for the hospital. There will be free entertainment and a barbecue at the Garth Inn for all the riders at the end of the route.

Application and sponsorship forms are available from the Garth Inn. All ages and abilities welcome, telephone 01656 734010 or 01656 735988 for more details.

Ladies' evening

FRIENDS of Tyn-y-Coed Surgery, Sarn will be holding another ladies' evening on Wednesday, September 9 in Sarn Life Long Learning Centre, 7pm – 9.30pm. Entry £2, to include a glass of wine or soft drink, and there will be a range of mini-treatments at £2 each. All are welcome, patients and non-patients; doors open at 7pm.

London concert

OGMORE Valley Male Voice Choir, based at Canolfan Bethlehem, Commercial Street, Ogmore Vale, will be leading the hymn singing at a wedding in Hope Chapel, Bridgend on Friday, August 21.

On September 9, it is once again representing Bridgend county borough in a concert at the prestigious Goldsmith's Hall in London.

The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, more commonly known as the Goldsmiths' Company, is one of the 12 great livery companies of the City of London and received its first royal charter in 1327.

The choir rehearses at the hall on Thursday evenings from 7pm and new members are always welcome.

Gardening club

LALESTON Garden Club's ladies' section held their last meeting of the season on July 21 with a party.

Some of the ladies played boules on the court in the Blandy Gardens, others enjoyed a musical quiz. The committee provided a superb buffet and everyone enjoyed a social evening.

On a serious note, the ladies were reminded it was all systems go for the forthcoming annual horticultural show to be held on September 5.

All were encouraged to consider entering exhibits, to once again ensure a successful day for the community and the club.

Secretary Patrick Stevens is busy organising the monthly lecture programme for 2015 /2016 which will start on October 12.

History society

THERE will be a meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig on Monday, August 17 at 7pm.

All are welcome and the speaker for the evening, Anwen Hill, will be giving an account of her travels through Italy.

Bryncethin WI news

RECENTLY formed Bryncethin Women's Institute meets at the Memorial Hall opposite Bryncethin Primary School, every third Thursday of the month from 6.45pm to 9pm.

The next meeting is on August 20, when there will be a demonstration of First Aid skills and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Members would like to thank the public who came along to its summer fete at the hall, at which the following amounts were raised: cakes and drinks £50.05, bottles and jars (prizes) £48, book stall £30, children's games and prizes £103.15. Total £308.20. New members will be made most welcome.

Tondu Primary School

TWO pupils at the school, Megan Simpson and Leiana-Mai Darks, recently went to Cardiff Museum to receive a Welsh Heritage Award for the school.

The school was delighted to have been awarded the second prize of £500 for its work titled 'A Century of Education in Aberkenfig', and would like to thank Mrs Jones, who co-ordinated all the contributions from the classes.

Mrs Susan Pilcher, the headteacher advises parents of pupils who travel to school from Sarn, that after meetings with Bridgend CBC health and safety and transport officers following withdrawal of council support for the Sarn bus, governors have agreed that children will no longer be accompanied to the bus stop by staff. Parents will need to make arrangements for the safety of their children.

The school expects pupils up to year-3 to be collected by a responsible adult and that children in Key Stage 2 will have to make their own way to and from the bus stop on the main road.

However, the school says parents must be aware that it has concerns about children's safety. Unless the bus company provides an escort to collect and deliver them to the school doors, it would be unable to recommend that parents allow their child to use this service without an adult accompanying them.

Charity concert

PLEASE keep a note in your diary that there will be a concert to raise funds for 'Help the Heroes' on Friday, September 18 in Cefn Cribwr Community Centre (The Green Hall).

Musical entertainment will be provided by Pencoed Silver Band and Bois Afan male voice choir.

Ticket prices are £5, £4 concessions and all money raised goes to the charity.

For further information and tickets, contact Martin Goudge on 01656 740026, or e-mail mgoudge@sky.com

• *Send in your local news items to Clive at the contact addresses given above.*

Who wants to build what, and where in area?

*Mrs D LeCrass – **18 Gelli Aur, Pencoed** – trimming back overhanging branches.*

*Mr B Rogers – **10 and 11 St Illtyd's Close, Brackla** – fell one alder and one ash tree.*

*Mr Nigel Davies – **112 Parc Tynywaun, Llangynwyd, Maesteg** – crown thin oak tree by 30 per cent; crown thin beech tree by 30 per cent and crown reduction by 25 per cent.*

*Mr J Chalmers – **The Woodlands, Mill Lane, Bridgend** – fell tree to rear which is causing structural defect to a wall (within Newcastle Hill conservation area).*

*Mr J Menon – **Woodland House, 2 Leckwith Rise, Bridgend** – program of works to several trees including felling and removal of limbs.*

*Mr Robbie John – **former betting office adjacent 69 Castle Street, Maesteg** – change of use from betting shop to flat.*

*Mr G Richards – **90 Glan Y Nant, Tondu** – removal of condition 2 of P/14/692/FUL requiring obscure glazing to window serving extension.*

*Mr and Mrs Gareth Rogers – **66 St Michael's Way, Brackla, Bridgend** – construct rear extension with associated patio works.*

*Ms J Thomas – **land at Grove Farm yard, off A4229 South Cornelly** – Cert of Lawfulness (existing) for two sheds, access, storage, maintenance of equipment/plant and display/sale of agri produce.*

*Mr DM Woodham – **29 Beach Road, Pyle, Bridgend** – single storey extension to provide bedroom and shower room.*

*Pradera Ltd – **B&Q Royal London Park, Bridgend** – installation of new fire exit doors to an existing retail unit.*

*Mr AWG Jefferies – **113 Ffordd Yr Eglwys, North Cornelly, Bridgend** – single storey extension to provide shower room, external lift and associated works.*

*Mr D Evans – **4 Phyllis Avenue, Bridgend** – two storey extension to provide kitchen and bedroom.*

*Mrs Bethan Dalton-Marshall – **Fforchlas Cottage, Church Street, Pontycymmer** – demolish utility room and extension and create new lounge and additional bedrooms.*

*Mr M Lewis – **6 Ewenny Road, Bridgend** – change of use from dwelling C3 to house in multiple occupation with six bedsits.*

*Mr CC Harris – **134 Quarella Road, Bridgend** – single storey extension re: sub of P/11/17/FUL.*

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 20)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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16 Sun	08.23	9.5	20.39	9.6
17 Mon	08.54	9.5	21.09	9.6
18 Tues	09.25	9.5	21.39	9.4
19 Wed	09.57	9.3	22.07	9.1
20 Thur	10.26	9.0	22.39	8.9

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School gets on board the green flag train

Pupils, teachers and parents have all worked together to improve the garden at Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales Primary School in Brackla.

WHETHER it be creating habitats for wildlife or setting up 'waste buster' teams to cut down on the amount of rubbish that goes to landfill, Bridgend county borough schools are showing boundless enthusiasm to improve the environment!

By the close of the summer term, a mammoth 48 local schools had earned the right to fly a Green Flag as part of Keep Wales Tidy's Eco-Schools programme, with 13 schools achieving platinum status (four Green Flags) – the pinnacle of eco excellence.

The latest is Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales Primary School in Brackla, where they have picked up their first Green Flag thanks to a range of initiatives.

A new outdoor classroom was opened recently, while the school's garden is blossoming thanks to the efforts of pupils, teachers and a group of parents who regularly give up their own time to work on the garden and improve the school grounds.

Matthew Bunt, Keep Wales Tidy's eco-schools officer, said: "It is amazing how Bridgend county borough schools have responded to the Eco-Schools programme.

"Ten years ago, there were no Green Flag Eco-Schools in the borough, but now 75 per cent of schools have the award, with 13 having reached the prestigious Platinum stage."

Coun Huw David, Bridgend County Borough Council's deputy leader, said: "Local schools are continuing to make tremendous strides in promoting recycling, global citizenship and other 'green' activities, as well as improving their outdoor learning environments. I'm sure that pupils and teachers will start the new term bursting with even more innovative eco ideas and I look forward to hearing about them soon."

FOURTEEN APPRENTICES WITH A CAREER IN VIEW!

FOURTEEN 18 to 22-year-olds have secured permanent employment with Bridgend retailer, Buy As You View, after completing the company's modern apprenticeship programme.

The workers have spent the last year among the workforce to gain hands-on experience in various departments of the business, from customer service through to supply chain and finance.

They have now joined the company as permanent members of staff and received their certificates of employment from the Labour MP for Bridgend, Madeleine Moon, at the company's head office in the Bridgend Industrial Estate. *(See picture above).*

Buy As You View has run the programme for two years and currently has five apprentices in its modern apprenticeship programme, with 14 graduates so far going on to secure permanent employment throughout the company. Charlotte Wootten, 20, from Bettws is among the latest cohort, joining the finance department as an accounts clerk.

Charlotte said: "It's great to have all our training recognised today and I'm so pleased to stay on in a full-time job because this isn't something that every employer offers after you do an apprenticeship.

"We're expected to have both experience and qualifications when we apply for jobs – which is difficult. The modern apprenticeship programme has given me a qualification in business administration and also hands-on work experience. I'm so happy to have been offered a job after only five months at Buy As You View," she added.

Why not try a different sport?

NEWS FROM BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB

BRIDGE being recognised as a sport is on the cards! We might not always look like elite athletes, but a High Court judge has ruled that players of bridge and other 'mind' games could be ranked alongside sportsmen of the highest order!

Mr Justice Mostyn ruled that a claim for bridge to be recognised as a sport is at least arguable and in some cases games requiring intense mental activity could involve more physical strain than pursuits such as shooting, which are recognised as sports.

Would you like to learn to try a new 'sport', giving your brain a thorough workout?

If so, Bridgend Duplicate Bridge Club is offering a 10-week course of lessons for the bridge beginner, at a cost of £30 for the full course, starting on Thursday, September 24 at Nolton Church Hall, 11am-1pm, parking available.

Further information can be obtained by calling Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138.

The results at recent events were as follows:

Wednesday, August 5 – First, John Beard and Liam Sheridan; second, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner; third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones. Winners on handicap were Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

Thursday, August 6 – First, Liam Sheridan and Mike Williams; second, Arthur Harvey and John Evans; third, Linda Jenkins and Teresa Griffiths. Winners on handicap were Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas.

Friday, August 7 – First, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan; second, Linda Pinnock and Ann Fox; third, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams. Winners on handicap were Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm, so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their Bridge.

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Meet Bridgend's young farmers

BRIDGEND and District Young Farmers' Club is holding a new members' evening on Tuesday, September 8.

The evening starts at 7.30pm in the Cefn Cribwr Sports and Social Club (formerly the Royal British Legion).

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORTS by AJ SICLUNA

Bridgend man brandished axe at a neighbour

A RESIDENT in a multi-occupation house in Bridgend was confronted by a neighbour wielding an axe, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Shortly before, Wayne Morris (39) had placed a message under the door of Stewart Hibbert, which read: "Knock my door, you ****"

Morris admitted a charge of affray and was jailed for 18 weeks, the sentence suspended for one year.

He was also made subject to a supervision order for a year and directed to take part in a thinking skills programme and to pay a victim surcharge of £100.

Judge Neil Bidder said the case passed the custody threshold because Morris had used a weapon. But, he said, he had a history of mental health problems.

Prosecutor Gareth James said both men lived in accommodation in Nolton Street, Bridgend. At about 6pm on November 20 last year, Morris put a note under Mr Hibbert's door.

Hibbert went to the defendant's room, where he was grabbed by the throat.

In Morris' right hand, said Mr James, he held an axe and he swung it towards Mr Hibbert's face.

Mr Hibbert moved out of the way, grabbed the weapon, which went to the floor, and punched Morris, before fleeing from the scene.

When arrested, Morris admitted he had had the axe. He claimed Mr Hibbert had been "causing him issues for a while."

He admitted writing the note.

He said Mr Hibbert had been aggressive to him.

Morris' counsel, Kevin Seal, said his client's health was the best it had been in three or four years.

The Judge said the circumstances of the offence were very serious, but Morris's responsibility was very substantially reduced because of significant mental health problems over a considerable period of time.

Taxi driver was 'racially abused and assaulted' – COURT IS TOLD

A BRIDGEND taxi driver was racially abused and assaulted by a passenger after an argument about the fare.

At junction 33 on the M4, Cardiff West, Mohammed Rahman was forced to remove 66-year-old retired businessman Harvey Cole from the vehicle after he had been called a "**** black ****", said prosecutor Julian Greenwood at Cardiff Crown Court.

Cole, of Odette Court, Whitchurch, Cardiff, had been accused of racially aggravated assault on the cab driver.

But, after considering two psychiatric reports, Judge David Wynn Morgan concluded that he was unfit to plead and stand trial.

A jury heard the evidence in the case and concluded that the allegations had been proved. They had retired for one hour and 10 minutes.

The judge made Cole subject to a supervision order for two years and directed that he continue receiving medical treatment.

Said the judge: "Through no fault of your own, you have been very ill following an extremely successful life."

Mr Greenwood said that on September 12 last year, Mr Rahman, a person of Pakistan origin, was working as a taxi driver in Bridgend.

Cole appeared at the bus station and asked to be taken to Cardiff.

During the journey, there was a dispute about the fare.

At junction 33, he made to leave the taxi, but then made a number of "extremely unpleasant remarks".

Mr Greenwood said Cole grabbed Mr Rahman by the neck and punched him to the left side of the eyebrow.

The court heard that Cole had previous convictions last year for battery and a racially-aggravated public order offence, both involving taxi drivers.

The judge had earlier said that Cole's recollection of events was negligible.

When interviewed at Cardiff Bay Police Station, he had denied the allegation.

Still time to sign up

YOUNG readers can still sign up for the summer reading challenge in Bridgend county borough libraries.

The theme is 'Record Breakers', with local youngsters invited to spend their summer holidays striving to smash records and achieve personal bests in a variety of fun activities and creative challenges.

Bridgend library is also hoping to set a record of its own by topping the number of children who registered for last summer's challenge.

Organised by The Reading Agency and the public library network, the summer reading challenge is aimed at children aged from four to 11-years-old and their families. Youngsters can register for the free challenge at their local library and then all they need to do is read six or more library books of their choice, collecting stickers and rewards along the way.

On completion of the challenge, children will receive a certificate or medal to treasure forever.

Asthma can be a killer

YOUR readers may have been shocked to hear of the death of Stuart Baggs, former star of *The Apprentice*, to an asthma attack at the age of 27. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at such a heart-breaking time.

Many people don't realise how serious asthma is yet every 10 seconds someone in the UK is having a potentially life threatening asthma attack and three people die from asthma every day.

I can't stress enough how important it is that the one in 11 people with asthma in the UK recognise the early warning signs of an asthma attack and know what to do when their symptoms are getting worse.

Every person with asthma should have a written asthma action plan which helps them deal with worsening symptoms and reminds them what to do in an emergency. Without one, people are four times more likely to be admitted to hospital for their asthma.

Anyone concerned about their asthma can call the Asthma UK Helpline on 0300 222 5800 to speak to a specialist asthma nurse or visit www.asthma.org.uk for more information or to download a written asthma action plan.

Dr Samantha Walker, deputy chief executive of Asthma UK.

Vale town's anger as Nat West bank closes its doors...

GEM REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

NAT WEST Bank is to close its doors in Llantwit Major on November 25, and local people greeted the announcement, made last week, with a mixture of anger and frustration.

What will rub salt in the wounds is that the nearest branch will soon be Cowbridge which has a smaller population.

A Facebook page has been set up to campaign against the closure.

A Nat West spokeswoman told The GEM it was working hard to ensure there are a number of alternative ways for people in the area to continue to bank with them.

"In Llantwit Major we have reached an agreement with the local Post Office, which is a short distance away from the branch so that our customers can check their balances, deposits and withdraw funds, and business customers can get coinage."

The spokeswoman stressed: "There are five Post Offices within six and a half miles of the branch.

"We intend to retain our ATM in the local community, and there are also two other free to use ATMs within one mile of the branch."

She explained that the number of people using the branch had dwindled: "The number of transactions taking place at Llantwit Major has dropped by 14 per cent since 2011 and only 61 customers use the branch on a regular weekly basis. Thirty four of these customers already use other branches in the area.

"We are committed to following the UK Government protocol on branch closures, and we have made the decision following careful consideration of a wide range of factors including branch usage and the alternative ways our customers can bank with us locally.

"Our customers are increasingly using alternative ways to bank such as online and mobile banking. As a result, branch transactions have declined by around 36 per cent since 2010 whilst online and mobile transactions have grown by more than 300 per cent.

"Only 9 per cent of their total transactions are now undertaken in branches in comparison to 25 per cent in 2010.

"We are writing to all of our customers who use the branch, as well as displaying posters in the branch to let them know of the closure.

"Between now and the closure date, we will engage with all of our customers, local businesses and the wider local community to make sure they are aware of the alternative ways of accessing their banking with us in the local area, and to answer any questions they might have."

The announcement shocked local people.

One Llantwit Major resident, Debra Powell, said she was disappointed, and concerned for older customers of Nat West.

"I was dismayed to receive the letter from Nat West. I feel this is a huge disservice to the residents and businesses of Llantwit Major.

"I am one of the lucky ones who can drive over to the Cowbridge branch but I do worry for our elderly residents and those who rely on public transport which is not 100 per cent reliable."

Coun Gwyn John said he was due to have a meeting with the bank shortly. "I will be suggesting they do as Barclays have done; Nat West could open three days and do the same at Cowbridge.

"In addition, if they want to make real savings, they could cut senior management. We must make every effort to save our banks in Llantwit Major, which is the third largest town in the Vale."

Ceri Malessa-Thompson, the chair of Cylch Meithrin Llanilltud Fawr parents' committee, said it would pose major problems for the organisation including increasing its costs.

"As a small, local charity, we are saddened to hear that the Llantwit Major branch of Nat West bank is due to close. Having held a charity bank account with them since our opening, the prospect of having to travel to Cowbridge just to visit our 'local' branch is simply unfeasible as our main member of staff for banking doesn't drive.

"As a charity account, we have several restrictions imposed upon us regarding internet banking which means access to a branch is vital for the smooth running of our accounts.

"We are concerned that this closure will cause problems with fee payments from the families who use our services as many prefer to pay in cash.

"We sincerely hope that Nat West takes into account the strong feelings of local users, who have already set up a Facebook group campaigning to stop closure and enlisted the help of Alun Cairns."

Vale AM Jane Hutt, local MP Mr Cairns and regional AM Andrew RT Davies told The GEM earlier this week that they planned to meet bank chiefs to express public concern at the decision.

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Channel Coast Surf Club raises £650 for the Brain Tumour Research charity

ABOVE: Some of the Channel Coast Surf Club's members, along with the family of the late Hugh Walker.

RIGHT: Surf instruction at Llantwit Major beach.

THE Channel Coast Surf Club held successful a fundraising evening at the Old White Hart, Llantwit Major, recently, with £650 of the proceeds going to its chosen charity, Brain Tumour Research.

The club wish to pay a special thank you to George and Elenid of the Old White Hart for their fantastic hospitality and food; Lee and Hayleigh Jennings for their superb organisation; and also Curtis Hancock, Andrew Staples, Gareth Vaughan, Lee O'Brien, Liam O'Shea and Stephen Sawyer of Channel Coast Surf Club.

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Proceeds from the Channel Coast fundraising evening will be used to assist the club in running our 'Introduction to Surfing Day' to be held at Llantwit Major beach on Saturday, August 22 (starting time will be confirmed 24 hours before, depending upon conditions).

The day is targeted at young surfing novices who've recently taken up the sport who would benefit from safety guidance and basic surf instruction.

The club are happy to take first timers, but currently we are unable to provide equipment. ***To book a place, email channelcoastsurfclub@hotmail.com or call 07969 288 224.***

Wales' world champ Lee Selby is made a 'Freeman' of his town

AT a special meeting of Barry Town Council in July, it was unanimously agreed that Lee Selby of Barry should be made an Honorary Freeman of the town, in recognition of his exceptional achievements in boxing, most notably his recent IBF featherweight champion title.

Lee and his family were invited to the council chamber to receive the Freedom Scroll, followed by a meal in his honour, hosted by the Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard.

The act of granting an individual "Freedom of the Town" (known as Honorary Freeman) is now seen as an honorary title and is only awarded to those who have "rendered eminent services to the town within the meaning of Section 259 of the Local Government Act 1933" and is the highest honour a council can bestow.

A council spokesman said: "The last time Barry Town Council bestowed this honour was 11 years ago to celebrate David Davies and his success at winning a silver medal in the Olympic Games.

Councillors praised Lee for being an inspiring role model and reiterated how proud Barry is of him.

"In the 13th Century, the title of 'Freeman' would be seen as an 'economic transaction', a person would pay a fee and it would give them trading rights in the richest part of the kingdom and has been described as a "medieval quality control or trading standards."

"There were a number of rights traditionally but apocryphally associated with freeman such as the right to drive sheep and cattle through the town; to a silken rope, if hanged; to carry a naked sword in public; or if a policeman were to find a freeman drunk and incapable, they would be bundled into a taxi and sent home rather than thrown into a cell.

"While sheep have occasionally been driven over London Bridge on special occasions, the rest of these 'privileges' are now effectively symbolic. However, the honour of the title still remains."

ABOVE: The Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, world boxing champion Lee Selby, and the leader of Barry Town Council, Coun Stuart Egan.

PACT meetings

BRYNTIRION, LALESTON & MERTHYR MAWR PACT Laleston Gardening Club, Laleston on August 13 at 7pm.

PORTHCAWL EAST CENTRAL PACT Porthcawl Fire Station, Porthcawl on August 18 at 7pm.

LITCHARD, PENDRE & COITY PACT Litchard Mission on August 27 at 7pm.

BRACKLA PACT Brackla Junior School, Brackla Way, on September 3 at 6.30pm.

FELINDRE, HENDRE, PENPRYSG (PENCOED) & COYCHURCH PACT Miners' Welfare Hall, Pencoed on September 7 at 2pm.

OLDCASTLE PACT the library, Brynteg Comprehensive School on September 9 at 6.30pm.

MORFA TOWN PACT Penybont Primary School, Minerva Street on September 14 at 6.30pm.

NEWCASTLE PACT Westward Community Centre, on September 14 at 6.30pm.

CEFN GLAS, LLANGEWYDD & BRYNHYFRYD PACT Westward Community Centre, on September 14 at 6.30pm.

MORFA WILDMILL PACT The Community Life Centre, The Precinct, Wildmill on September 17 at 6.30pm.

BRACKLA PACT Brackla Joint PACT Meeting, Deaf & Sports Social Club, Coychurch Road on September 29 at 7pm.

Reunion at the Cowbridge U3A

AT the 20th AGM of Cowbridge U3A on August 5, Patricia Mears, the outgoing chair, welcomed everybody, along with some of the original members, many of whom had travelled long distances.

During the formal part of the meeting it was announced that subs would not be increased.

Shirley Dunsworth was elected chair and Liz Moore secretary. Tesni Rose became membership secretary and Steve Monaghan liason and public officer.

There followed a brief history from Shirley and John Hopkins. The U3A movement was started by Sir Brian Hopkins (no relation!). Cowbridge started with 55 original registered members and soon grew to 125. It was the 300th group to register and has gone from strength to strength. Long may it continue.

Next meeting: Town Hall, September 9 at 2pm with talk 'National Botanic Gardens of Wales' by Desmond Woods. **TB**

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Pixie, the caring Jack Russell, makes a daily journey – *to be with William...*

ABOVE:
My faithful friend – William relaxing at home with Pixie.

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

A loving dog called Pixie leaves her home every morning of her own accord, and trots through the village of Flemingston to spend the day with William Lougher who suffered a stroke over two years ago.

At the end of the day – again under her own steam – she returns home for the night.

Pixie, a 14-year-old Jack Russell, lives with William's daughter Rhiannon at a nearby farm. She was a little lost when Rhiannon's son Charlie (22) went off to university – but found a new vocation.

William (85) a fourth generation farmer who served as a steward at the Vale Show for 50 years, said: "She comes every morning and stays with me. I couldn't cope without her."

His wife Thelma explained: "William's sight was affected by the stroke and Pixie will even walk in front of him to help him.

"My husband had been so active all his life, it has been frustrating, but Pixie calms him completely."

Thelma can't always be around so it is a relief for her to know that Pixie is always at her husband's side.

William suffered his stroke two and a half years ago, and when Pixie visited him at Llandough Hospital, a special bond was formed.

Thelma said: "The visit proved a real turning point in my husband's recovery."

When William returned home Pixie began her daily journeys across the village to spend the day with him.

At one stage, when Pixie had had a hysterectomy, the roles were reversed and William looked after her.

Rhiannon said: "Pixie leaves home at between 7.30am and 8.30am. She makes her way half a mile up the road through the village to spend the day with my father. In the winter, she wears a fluorescent coat and flashing collar.

"She hasn't missed a day in over two years and decides at the end of the day when to return home.

"It can vary. If he has a carer or visitor, she will not leave his side, guarding him at all costs."

Local people know to keep a watchful eye on Pixie as she makes her way to William's house from the farm and back.

During his time sheep farming, he had up to five dogs – including a couple of up and coming younger ones – and now in his retirement, he has another devoted companion.

ABOVE:
When Pixie had a hysterectomy, William took care of her!

RIGHT
Pixie's visit to Llandough Hospital proved a turning point in William's recovery from a stroke.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

PORTHCAWL Museum is holding a 'Cupcake' coffee morning at the Y Centre in John Street on Friday, August 21 at 10.30am.

Entry is £1.50 at the door so come along and enjoy some good company with a delicious homemade cupcake. There will also be a raffle, tombola and quiz.

Meditation

THERE will be a donation-based 'Introduction to Meditation' day at Friends Meeting House, 87 Park Street, Bridgend CF31 4AZ, on Saturday, August 22 ferom 10am – 4pm.

Eamonn takes on a Matterhorn challenge AT THE AGE OF 62!

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

ABOVE: Eamonn McGreevy (left) with his guide Angelo at the summit of The Matterhorn.

A LOCAL man has climbed the Matterhorn at the age of 62 – fulfilling a long-time dream that seemed to be slipping away after he had been forced to abandon his last five attempts.

Eamonn McGreevy from Llantwit Major retired from his post as a commercial airline pilot seven years ago but, rather than put his feet up, he set himself a number of challenges.

He was a keen distance runner and he decided to step up his efforts in that field – but he also decided to conquer one of Europe's iconic mountains, The Matterhorn.

Now, there are a number of mountains that can be walked up, without specialist climbing skills. Eamonn told The GEM that Mont Blanc is one such, but that is emphatically not the case with the Matterhorn – at 15,000 feet it is a real challenge.

Eamonn explained: "This year is the 150th anniversary of the first successful climb to the summit of The Matterhorn.

"A team of seven British climbers reached the top, but on the descent, four of them died when someone slipped."

Ever since then, only the most experienced mountaineers can tackle it without an expert guide.

Ironically, in Eamonn's case, it seemed as if one challenge was hampering the other. In recent years, he has had knee problems which he puts down to the increased mileage covered when he runs.

He has had four operations – two on each knee – and this has forced him to cancel attempts to climb The Matterhorn.

Eamonn said: "At age 62, it seemed like time was running out. Each year I booked a guide and started training.

"Each year brought disappointment; either illness, injury or bad weather scuppered my plans.

"On my climbing helmet it says 'NGUNS', which stands for 'Never Give Up – Never Surrender'.

"It's from the sci-fi comedy *Galaxy Quest* and we adopted it as a family motto".

He was reminded of that motto earlier this year when his wife Laura and his three daughters believed this was his big chance, with the best weather in over a decade.

Eamonn said: "On Tuesday, July 28, after another six months of training and a week of acclimatisation in the Swiss Alps, the time had finally come.

"I bandaged up my back and knee, took pain killers and launched off from the base camp with my guide.

"It was extremely challenging but eventually we made it to the summit. The descent was even harder but our 'Never Give Up – Never Surrender' motto kept me motivated.

"It just goes to show that it's never too late to chase your dreams!"

ABOVE: The intimidating view of the iconic mountain.

Cattle market plans 'excellent'

WELL DONE to the Vale Marketing Community Enterprise (VMCE). The plans for the Cowbridge cattle market site seem excellent.

However, the funding proposals look precarious. The sponsors may be lucky with grants but unless some generous benefactors come along I doubt whether the necessary money could be raised through community bonds with the sort of returns that have been reported.

Nevertheless, selling the site for housing (the alternative Vale proposal) is not an answer either. The farmers would lose their market and the town would lose some 400 vital car parking spaces.

Trade would be depressed and the Market Theatre and the Scout Hut would be under grave threat due to lack of adjacent parking.

Cowbridge is, of course, a conservation area and there are rigid planning guidelines but you can't fit quarts into pint pots. However, it is possible to envisage a visually attractive and exciting medium rise block of quality flats which could stand out as a Cowbridge landmark.

There seems to be a demand for such high quality accommodation in Cowbridge and the income from sales might well pay for the community aspects of the Market Quarter development.

Peter Sain ley Berry, Cowbridge.

Council says legal costs will rise if courts close

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is urging the UK Government to re-think its proposal to close Bridgend Law Courts.

The Ministry of Justice is consulting on plans to close 91 court and tribunal buildings in England and Wales in an aim to reduce "surplus capacity".

Bridgend Law Courts is one of 11 Welsh courts under threat, with Justice Secretary Michael Gove insisting that the closures would still leave 95 per cent of people within an hour's drive of their nearest court.

The Leader of BCBC, Coun Mel Nott OBE, said: "As it is now, it isn't always easy to get victims of crime, witnesses and defendants to come into Bridgend for court hearings, so it would clearly be a much tougher task for them to travel to Cardiff."

"I do not believe it is in the interests of justice for our communities to be left without easy access to the law courts, so I have made a representation on behalf of the council in opposition to the closure of Bridgend Law Courts."

Coun Nott, who served as a magistrate for 25 years, added: "The closure would also have a direct impact on the local authority as council staff currently have close access to the courts for their involvement in criminal and childcare litigation, and the closure would lead to increased staffing costs.

"We have already reduced our criminal litigation as a result of budget cuts, and the proposed closure could place the public at risk through the inability to fund public protection litigation."

The consultation runs until October 8 and further details can be found at *www.gov.uk/moj*.

The 10 other Welsh court buildings earmarked for closure include: Brecon Law Courts, Neath and Port Talbot Civil and Family Court and Pontypridd Magistrates' Court.

BCBC Leader Mel Nott and Ogmore MP Huw Irranca-Davies outside the under-threat Bridgend Law Courts.

Ogmore MP, Huw Irranca-Davies, said: "Access to justice is getting harder and harder under this Conservative government. It may look easy from a minister's desk in London to close these courts, but it means my constituents are being denied justice.

"This is on top of devastating cuts to legal aid, so that people faced with family disputes and domestic violence have to face court without legal advice, so justice is only available to the wealthy who can pay for it. David Cameron must tell his ministers to think again, and reverse these closure proposals."

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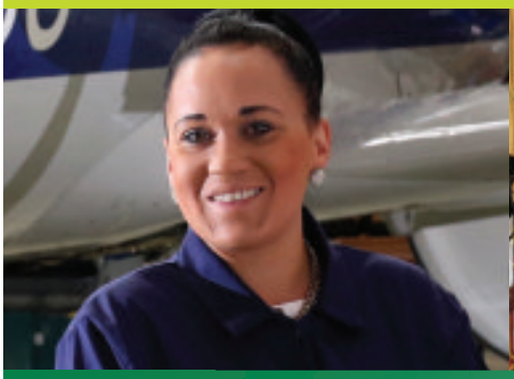

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'I don't think people will see his sort of dedication again'

Gerry clocks up a remarkable 70 years on the farm

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

ABOVE:
Gerry Crump (right) with Gwyn Rees at Wrinstone Farm near Wenvoe.

A Vale farmworker has clocked up an incredible 70 years of service!

Gerry Crump (84) strolled up to Wrinstone Farm, which nestles on the gentle countryside overlooking Wenvoe, looking for a job one Sunday afternoon in 1945 and has worked there ever since.

The farm is run by Gwyn and Madeleine Rees, and Gwyn told The GEM: "My sister can still remember the day he came up and was talking to my father. My father told us he was a local boy who wanted a job. He's become one of the family."

Gerry is originally from Devon and he moved to Wenvoe with his family at the age of 18 months. His father travelled round with a shire horse that went to stud at local farms.

In fact when Gerry began work in the 40s it was with horses rather than tractors!

"Somebody recommended that I go up to the farm, so I went that Sunday afternoon with my brother Ted. I started work at 14 – and getting up in the morning and off to the farm has been a way of life."

Gerry said it has been a "contented" existence and has no plans yet to retire, stressing: "You have to have something to get up for in life."

When Gerry made that walk up to Wrinstone all those years ago, he didn't know it was lucky that the farm was still standing!

Gwyn explained: "In 1943, the Germans dropped two bombs – one hit the end of the farmhouse and the other one landed in a nearby brook.

"The windows were blown out and the slates came off the roof.

"We think the Germans were dropping some spare bombs after a mission over Cardiff. If it had been a direct hit, the family would have been killed."

At the time, the farm was run by Gwyn's father Aubrey, who had come from Penmark Farm, and his mother Hilda, who had arrived from Cliff Farm, Llancarfan.

For many years, Wrinstone was a dairy farm, but it moved out of that area of farming in 2008 and now has cattle, breeding ewes, 45 acres of corn and an acre of potatoes.

Gwyn and Gerry have worked happily together over the decades in a place visitors describe as "a beautiful place, right by Cardiff, but out in the wilds".

Gerry was working four days a week until this January when he had an eye problem and had to have treatment at the University Hospital of Wales. Consequently, he's scaled the working week down to three days.

In all other respects, he is in fine fettle.

Gwyn said: "Gerry's always done things well on the farm. I don't think people will see his sort of dedication again.

"In 1963, there was terrible snow and the lanes were blocked for six weeks. Gerry walked across the fields every day to come up and milk the cows.

"Seventy years is a marvellous achievement. He's never had a week off sick. I saw a shepherd on TV at the Royal Welsh Show who got a medal for doing 42 year – Gerry's done a lot longer than that."

Gerry has no plans for retirement and says he and his wife Phyllis will know when it is time for him to call it a day.

The GEM's already put Gerry's 75th anniversary in the diary!

Art and photography meet in a Porthcawl exhibition...

THE annual art and photographic exhibition in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, was opened to the public on Sunday evening by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun David Newton-Williams who is exhibiting a piece of his own artwork.

He thanked Lesley Dearn, who had worked hard to put the art exhibition together; also Glyn Edmunds, chairman of Pyle Porthcawl Photographic Society for his part in organising the photographic side. The exhibition continues until Sunday, August 16; free admission.

Coun David Newton-Williams with Lesley Dearn.

Glyn Edmunds with Coun Newton-Williams. Photographs by Malcolm Nugent.

The art and photographic exhibition.

40-plus square kilometres and rising!

THE Ramblers currently have a project covering the whole of Wales and England – they're attempting to undertake a survey of all public rights of way and footpaths.

Any member of the public who walks, cycles or rides on horseback can take part; simply go to their website *www.ramblers.org.uk* and follow the link to The Big Pathwatch, register your interest, select a kilometre square to 'adopt', walk the paths within it and register any issues, positive or negative with photos if possible.

There is an 'app' you can download to your tablet if you have one, or you can use the browser version on your computer.

Any negative issues identified will be communicated to the responsible local government department for action. Ramblers, as a pressure group, will also be able to highlight where significant efforts need to be made to maintain the footpath network.

Bridgend Ramblers have already completed over 40 squares of 1km by 1km covering areas of Bridgend and Porthcawl. Other walkers have completed squares around Ogmore by Sea, Pencoed, St Brides, Cowbridge and elsewhere in the Vale, but there are many more to be tackled in Bridgend county and the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Llynfi, Garw and Ogmore valleys are sorely in need of inclusion.

If you are out and about in the countryside why not take part and contribute to this nationwide undertaking?

You don't need to be a member of Ramblers to take part, but all of us who recognise the benefits and enjoyment of walking in our wonderful landscape will benefit from any improvements, to the national asset that the footpath network is, that come out of the exercise.

ALLAN MORGAN

Penllyn Bridge Club results

THE July results were:

Thursday 2: 18 pairs – first, Helen and Mike Ruttley 63.35 per cent; second, John Hunter and Cath Domican 60.51; third, David and Marion Stephenson 57.95.

Thursday 9: 17 pairs – first, Judith and Colin Nunn 78.21; second, Mike Baron and Brian Tucker 69.64; third, Dot Williams and Pam Hanmer 59.64.

Thursday 16: 16 pairs – first, Margaret and Hugh Thomas 61.69; second, John Lord and Joe Ilsley 61.36; third, Judith and Colin Nunn 59.09.

Thursday 23: 18 pairs – first, Brian Tucker and Mike Baron 63.07; second, Rita Williams and Gill Harding 62.22; third, Sally Casey and John Hunter 58.24.

Thursday 30: 14 pairs – Robert Brown Cup– First, Wayne Stephens and Mary Wallis 53.41; second, Sally Kennedy and Annie Jones 50.38; third, David and Marion Stephenson; Ireen and Richard Daniels 50. **CN**

McArthurjazz at designer outlet!

THE Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama has worked with McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Bridgend to showcase their next generation of musical talent this August.

Musicans from the college will entertain shoppers during the warm summer nights every Thursday evening, 4.30pm-6.30pm at the centre's 'pop-up chill out space'.

Josh Heaton and Zach Breskal, a saxophone and drum duo hailing from Lancashire and North London respectively, played last week.

Today (Thursday) James Clark, a gifted jazz pianist, accordionist and arranger and a well-known Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama student who's played at the London Jazz Festival, Southbank Centre and appeared in SC4's Band Cymru as a finalist, will be playing.

ABOVE:
Josh Heaton and drummer Zach Breskal.

Call goes out to bright young Bridgend business brains

LOCAL young people are being invited to take part in an enterprise challenge in Bridgend town centre, with the chance to win £10,000 start-up funding.

The town was selected by Carnegie UK Trust as one of 10 locations in the UK for its 2015 TestTown challenge, which aims to give young people an insight into running their own business.

Bridgend College has teamed up with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and Carnegie UK Trust to plan a week of enterprise activities, aimed at 16 to 30-year-olds, from November 17 – 21.

Ruth Rowe, enterprise officer at Bridgend College, said: "We've got plenty of really exciting activities lined up for the week including workshops delivered by local retailers and entrepreneurs to TestTown participants (November 17 and 18) followed by the three-day youth enterprise market, (November 19 – 21) in Caroline Street – giving participants a unique opportunity to sell and showcase their products and services in the run-up to Christmas."

TestTown 2015 participants will also be signposted to a range of business support organisations including Business in Focus, Big Ideas Wales, Kick Start grant programme, Enterprise Facilitation support and Business Wales in order to progress their business ideas.

Applications are now open until September 21 – successful applicants will be invited to take part in a 'mini TestTown' showcase on November 5 at the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College, Cowbridge Road, with successful participants going on to the town centre showcase later that month.

BCBC Leader Mel Nott, OBE said: "This competition is a wonderful opportunity for young people in Bridgend county borough. The enterprise market will not only showcase new products and services, but it will also provide a welcome boost to local trade in the town centre itself."

TestTown will be supported by the Welsh Government's Big Ideas Wales campaign, which supports the next generation of young entrepreneurs in Wales and encourages young people to be entrepreneurial and helps those interested in starting a business take their idea forward (*www.bigideaswales.com*).

To take part in Bridgend TestTown 2015 email: TestTownBridgend@bridgend.ac.uk for an application form.

'HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU BEFORE?'

ABOVE: One of The GEM's local Dutch readers contacted us to point out that amid those enjoying the recent UWC Atlantic College reunion was King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands (centre). As you can see, the king enjoyed the relaxed, informal occasion.
IMAGE by ANDY WICKS

150 years on, amazing to see Welsh language still thriving – in Patagonia!

by **Carwyn Jones,** AM for Bridgend and First Minister

I HAVE recently returned from a visit to Patagonia where I was invited to take part in celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Welsh settlement 'Y Wladfa' in Patagonia.

It was an incredible opportunity to visit Argentina, to meet with the Welsh-speaking community in Chubut, and to visit this unique part of Welsh heritage.

As part of my visit, I took part in a number of engagements across Patagonia and also attended official events taking place in Puerto Madryn which were organised by the Chubut Government to mark the anniversary.

We currently have well-established links with the Welsh community in Patagonia and I was delighted to have the opportunity to visit a number of schools. Last year, the Welsh Government gave £65,000 to the Welsh language project in Chubut.

Thirty years ago people said Patagonia, 'great!' — but added the language was going to die there. Nothing could be done to save it. And yet we see what is being done there means that the language will be transferred now to new generations.

During my trip, I was delighted to visit Gaiman Kindergarten and Ysgol Yr Hendre in Trelew. I also visited Colegio Camwy.

Visiting a number of schools, I saw for myself the great work that has been done at the schools and the importance of ensuring that the Welsh language and culture can continue to develop and grow.

I really enjoyed meeting the schoolchildren and at Ysgol yr Hendre, I could not resist joining in with their rendition of Sosban Fach. It transported me back to the rugby pitch cheering on our Wales!

As part of my trip, I took part in a range of celebrations, including meeting with the Governor of Chubut where we discussed the historic and cultural ties between Wales and Patagonia, I attended a special ceremony at Puerto Madryn to celebrate the 'desembarque' and enjoyed a Welsh brew at Seion Chapel in Gaiman, Chubut.

It is really interesting to see how the Welsh culture has thrived; in particular to see the various Welsh chapels built by the pioneers themselves still standing today.

Also, many of the towns in this part of Patagonia – like Puerto Madryn, Trelew and Trevelin – have all retained their distinct names that the Welsh inhabitants gave them.

Also, as part of my trip, I was extremely honoured to have been asked to lay a wreath at the tomb of Lewis Jones, the Welsh founder of Trelew. It's incredible to think that after all these years, Welsh is still spoken in South America. He would have been proud.

Local business donates a new kitchen to Ty Hafan

LOCAL business Sigma 3 Kitchens is supporting its charity, Ty Hafan, as part of the company's anniversary celebrations this year.

A new kitchen and appliances have been supplied for the family kitchen at the hospice in Sully, and various fundraising events have been taking place across the business in support of the charity.

The new parents' kitchen at Ty Hafan was created when the commercial kitchen at the hospice was split in half, with the use of a dividing wall, to create two separate spaces.

Sigma 3's donated kitchen was installed and is already being put to good use. The new kitchen was supplied free of charge and a number of appliance suppliers also donated new equipment.

Sigma 3 employees have also been getting involved in organising fundraising events for Ty Hafan. Over £700 was raised earlier this year through various events, including cake sales and sponsored cycle rides, and the staff recently held a 'fish 'n chips Friday' with all proceeds going to the charity.

Haydn Jones, business services manager at Ty Hafan, said: "We are very grateful to Sigma 3 for their ongoing support – for the generous donation of £765, the enthusiastic efforts of the employees and of course the new kitchen that they have donated."

Haydn Jones (Ty Hafan), Wendy Collie (business and community fundraiser). Liz Lakin (Sigma 3 Kitchens), Chris Toozer (Sigma 3 Kitchens) and Jayne Jones (head chef at Ty Hafan) in the new kitchen.

Chris Toozer, finance director at Sigma 3, said: "As a company we are delighted to continue our support for such a worthwhile cause. I think once you visit the hospice and see what they do for families, it's difficult not to offer some support. We were delighted to be able to present Ty Hafan with a cheque and we will be continuing to work closely with them."

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW £45m CAMPUS!

New students look around the campus.

New A-Level students Abi Sharpe, Leia George and Leah-Anne Howells.

MORE than 300 of the 'freshers' at Cardiff and Vale College in September have been given a sneak Discovery Day preview of the college's £45m new campus in Cardiff city centre.

The students, who will study A-Levels, hair, beauty and complementary therapies or creative courses in the 2014-15 academic year, were invited along with their friends and families for a tour.

They were shown around the 16,000m2 campus' state-of-the-art facilities which include top of the range spa, gym, restaurant with views across the city, theatre and performing arts centre and a specialist science technology engineering and maths (STEM) centre.

Did your family receive a CARE package?

THIS year marks the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and also the 70th anniversary for CARE International, formerly known as the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe.

Americans could pay $10 to send a 'CARE package' to someone in war-torn Europe.

Tens of thousands of Britons received these packages containing urgently needed food supplies, such as corned beef, tinned fruit, lard, sugar and milk powder, being an early example of international aid.

CARE International is now one of the world's leading aid agencies – but their origins were in these simple acts of kindness from one person to another.

In their anniversary year they have launched a campaign to find recipients of the original CARE packages. At the same time, they are using this opportunity to explain how aid and development has changed over the last 70 years and why Britain, as a former recipient of aid, should be proud of the role it now plays in supporting others across the world.

Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon said: "I am asking constituents, if their family received a CARE package after World War Two?

"If you did – or if you know someone who did – they would love to hear from you and record your story! Please contact: Wilton@careinternational.org.uk or moonm@parliament.uk

"The culmination of CARE International Anniversary campaign will be on October 20 – 25, with a 'CARE Then and Now' exhibition.

"It will be featuring the stories of aid recipients 70 years ago and today, establishing the shared humanity in these stories, while showing how far aid has progressed over the last seven decades."

Local schools share £68,482 funding for woodland scheme

BIG BOOST FOR FOREST SCHOOLS EXPANSION

A CONSORTIUM of 18 schools, including Evenlode Primary School in Penarth and Heronsbridge School in Bridgend, is set to receive a total of €97,200 (£68,482) of Erasmus+ European funding over two years to help develop the Forest Schools programme in Wales.

Forest Schools encourages outdoor play and learning in a woodland environment. The funding received is to develop and share expertise in Forest Schools, as part of an Erasmus+ Key Action 1 School staff mobility project.

Cardiff Council will lead the two-year project 'Inspiring Outdoor Learning – a vision for schools in south Wales', which is the first of its kind to be run in south Wales.

Eighteen schools across seven local authorities will come together to improve the quality of teaching when delivering the Forest Schools programme in Wales.

Teachers will form a regional network and take part in a series of training programmes in Denmark and Iceland.

Teaching materials and ideas for outdoor learning will also be developed and shared with professionals throughout Wales.

Jenny Scott, director of British Council Wales, said: "The consortium's success is very welcome, we want to see more Welsh schools benefiting from Erasmus+ funding.

"We hope that the funding for the Forest Schools project will inspire other school leaders to investigate how their schools might also benefit from the Erasmus+ programme."

Emily Daly from Cardiff Council said: "This project will be the start of some very exciting work between 18 schools from seven different councils.

" It is the perfect opportunity for the 49 participating teachers to share ideas and experiences, meeting the Welsh Government's objective to widen peer-to-peer working across schools."

Under the guidance of trained Forest School teachers, staff from Evenlode Primary School, Heronsbridge School, St Fagan's Church in Wales Primary School, Ysgol y Wern, Ysgol y Pwll Coch, Ysgol y Melin Gruffydd, Grangetown Nursery and Ysgol Penalltau will examine the ideas behind Forest Schools and the important role outdoor learning plays in the curriculum.

They will also learn new skills on delivery and how to make Forest Schools part of their schools.

Cwmaman Infants, Maes-y-Coed Primary School, Tredegarville Church in Wales Primary School, Fairoak Nursery and Lansdowne Primary School are all schools with no green spaces, so staff will be looking at ways in which they can develop creative and innovative curriculum activities.

Staff from Dolau Primary School, Gilwern Primary School, Millbrook Primary School, St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, and Roath Park Primary School will be focusing on developing literacy and numeracy as part of the project.

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Fonmon Castle hosts a summer garden party

Stephanie Glover, Chris Pollard, Anne Morgan.

THE South Wales branch of the English Speaking Union celebrated their third summer garden party at Fonmon Castle in a splendid evening of sunshine in a month when rain prevailed.

The Ogmore Valley Silver Band once more catered for every musical need, from marching orders to tripping the light fantastic.

The Really Fresh Food provided scrumptious sustenance, courtesy of Beppe Villa, as much a feast for the eye as pleasure for the palate.

The dress code of the summer garden party resulted in lady members gracing the green sward resplendent in hats to rival those in the Royal Enclosure at Ascot, with Sandra Marsh and Martin Hooker awarded the prizes for sartorial splendour.

The next branch event will be a lunch on October 16 at the Cardiff City Stadium with guest speaker Lord Lisvane, the former clerk to the House of Commons, Sir Robert Rogers.

Further details from Derek Morgan on 01656 669129, email; esuswb@gmail.com

Lady Inkin, Ann Dawe, Tal Williams, Marlene Rees, Don Rees.

ABOVE: Ladies resplendent in their summer hats.

LEFT: Derek Morgan, Lady Inkin, Sandra Marsh, Martin Hooker (the latter two being winners of best dressed awards).

LEFT: Michael McPhail, Katherine McPhail, Fiona Macgregor and Anne Morgan.

RIGHT: Valerie Jenkins, Lady Inkin, Martyn Jenkins.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

A public meeting is being held in Sully on Thursday, August 20, at Jubilee Hall. It will discuss the new sports field application and related issues.

There will also be a walk around the village on Sunday, August 23, starting at Jubilee Hall (11am) to highlight areas of contention.

CAMRA event

THE Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend branch of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) will hold a Meet the Brewer evening at Little Penybont Arms in Pencoed from 7pm on September 10. Members and non-members are invited.

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Women aged between 50 and 70 this year will automatically receive postal invitations to attend for screening, if they are registered with Portway Surgery or Victoria Avenue Surgery.

Women who are aged over 70 will not automatically be invited for breast screening, but can request an appointment by telephoning Breast Test Wales on 029 2039 7222.

Anyone concerned about a breast change should visit their GP without delay. For more information, contact your GP or telephone Breast Test Wales on 029 2039 7222.

An afternoon at Fonmon Castle

THE Easter and summer teas were such a success, that Fonmon Castle is doing it again on Sunday, September 20.

Usually only available for pre-booked parties of 20 or more, the castle is delighted to throw open their doors so that smaller groups are able to enjoy tea in the castle.

Enjoy afternoon tea including a selection of delicious home made sandwiches, a selection of cakes baked in the castle, scones with jam and cream and freshly brewed tea and coffee.

Tea will be served in the library at 3pm. Come and have a wander around the beautiful Fonmon gardens beforehand to work up an appetite in the fresh air or head outside after tea to walk off those calories.

Full afternoon tea is priced at £14.95 for adults and £8.50 for under-12s. Please complete the booking form on the website www.fonmoncastle.com/afternoon-tea/ or call 01446 710206.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D891.

- **£2,000:** 454514.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £5,000 was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 643423, 655349, 684210, 541217, 665891, 703719, 502923, 386286, 317396, 186747, 497232, 433561, 172500, 406921, 864761, 820696, 382983, 647406, 134493, 1136.
- **£5:** 783629, 847805, 549970, 228396, 553588, 758499, 601470, 890472, 286810, 578301, 379492, 174222, 226218, 381759, 617636, 774737, 834540, 769252, 971494, 778489, 291120, 563001, 515147, 485923, 298100, 175568, 791730, 879601, 645242, 688379, 981856, 500797, 791709, 682008, 589362, 126570, 774336, 128191, 225090, 254054, 667583, 284113, 854244, 643505, 684088, 667376, 257340, 409166, 794151, 806939, 706482, 778799, 881953, 527483, 366855, 509580, 176052, 245, 1919, 927.

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WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

Kids' choir

ON Tuesdays until September 1 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, 'Sing with us Kids' at Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry, CF63 4JZ. All welcome.

For more information, email *sing@tenovuscancercare.org.uk*

Volunteers needed

NANTYMOEL Community Association, based at 8 Ogwy Street, Nantymoel, is looking for volunteers to help out at its community facility.

Email: ogmorevalley@outlook.com or call 01656 840080 for full details.

Fun day at Museum

THE National Museum in Cardiff is collaborating with Save the Children with a family fun day today (August 13) from 10am to 4pm, including activities to support learning at home and in the community.

Eleri Evans, learning manager said: "Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales is committed to providing cultural activities for children, young people and families.

"It is vital that families get the support they need and this is a special day of organised activities, but it's also an opportunity to introduce the museum and its collections to new families who may never have visited before."

Summer activities

THERE are summer activities at Castleland Community Centre, Barry, for youngsters.

Thursday, August 13, 2pm-4pm, movie matinee (free hot dog; tuck and ice cream for sale), £1 entrance.

Thursday, August 20, 2pm-4pm, cooking; come and make pizza and rice crispie cakes.

Friday, August 21, 10pm-5pm, Noah's Ark coach trip (places filling fast) – no Friday Club.

Saturday, August 22, Dunlin Court fun day (Dunlin Court area).

Thursday, August 27, 2pm-4pm, fun with dance (freestyle); please wear loose clothing.

All activities will be held in Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent (unless stated otherwise).

For more information, call 01446 403549.

Ward surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Buttrills and Court wards in Barry – Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan – will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, August 15 from 10am – 11am in the small community room of Barry Library, King's Square. No appointment necessary.

Golden Oldies

THE Golden Oldies charity uses music to brighten the lives of the elderly on the second Tuesday in the month at Salem Baptist church in Beryl Road, Barry, from 10.30am – 11.30am.

Valeways guided walks

SUNDAY, August 16 at 2pm a coastal footpath walk; meet at Redbrink Cresc, entrance to Jackson Bay at 2pm.

On Tuesday, August 18 at 10am 'Crwdro' at Y Bontfaen/Cowbridge Llyfrgell/Library CF71 7AH.

On August 19, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Cosmeston Visitor Centre CF64 5UY at 10.30am.

VJ Day coffee

PORTHCAWL Museum is holding a VJ Day coffee morning at the Y Centre in John Street on Saturday, August 15 at 10.30am.

Entry is £1.50 at the dor and there will be a warm welcome, together with homemade wartime cakes, raffle, tombola, quiz and singalong at our indoor street party to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Victory in Japan Day.

WI coffee morning

THERE will be a WI coffee morning at Highlight Community Centre, Barry, on Tuesday, August 18 10am till 12 noon.

Entrance (£3) includes tea/coffee and cakes. There will be craft and tombola stalls, books for sale and a raffle. All are welcome (including children).

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Ukulele group

LAST month's initial meeting of ukulele players at the Llantwit Major Baptist Hall saw a fine turnout of players, wannabees and beginners.

We learned some basic chords and practiced songs as varied as 'Goodnight Irene', 'You Are My Sunshine' and 'Yellow Bird'. Keeping to a limited repertoire until we gain confidence, we were able to have a lot of fun, make new friends and begin to master the ukulele.

The group is meeting again on Wednesday, August 19, at 2.30pm at the Baptist Hall. Tea and biscuits are provided and any gifts for the Foodbank will be gratefully received.

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A hub for higher education at Cardiff and Vale College's new £45million city campus

AT just the beginning of its innovative and exciting plans to transform education and training throughout the region, Cardiff and Vale College opened the doors to its brand new £45m landmark city centre campus in July.

At 16,000m2 the campus boasts state-of-the-art facilities and is home to a dedicated Higher Education (HE) Centre.

It also benefits from sector-specific, industry-standard facilities including film, photography, art and music studios; a performance theatre; strength and conditioning gym and specialist science labs along with a large selection of HE resources in the Higher Education Learning and Skills Centre.

Cardiff and Vale College offers a wide range of higher education courses in partnership with Welsh universities at a variety of levels from HND right up to postgraduate study with the PGCE in post-compulsory education.

Sofia Stewart studies BSc Aircraft Engineering at the dedicated Aerospace training facilities at the college's International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT) and said: "I want to be a fully licensed aircraft engineer; I want that responsibility of auditing all of the work carried out on the aircrafts.

"I've met really influential people in my time here at college. They've shown me how important and rewarding this career can be.

"It's specialised here, there's a small group, it's quiet, most importantly the tutors have got the time to speak to you as an individual and help you with everything. I'm so grateful to all of my tutors and the technicians who work with them.'

CAVC adds to its higher education provision by partnering with specialists in the sector

It also works in partnership with a number of high profile universities across the country to offer higher education courses that are focused on preparing students for the world of work.

The facilities, staff expertise and quality of teaching and learning are such that in 2014 CAVC saw a record success rate for HE with 95.6 per cent of HE students achieving their qualification.

A brand new sport partnership with Cardiff Metropolitan University has seen the college launch a new HND in sports coaching for September 2015, drawing on the expertise and reputation of Cardiff Met in sport.

Katie Thirlaway, Deputy Dean of Cardiff School of Sport said: "We are very pleased to be working with Cardiff and Vale College on this brand new initiative.

"We offer some of the most popular undergraduate and postgraduate sport degree courses in the UK and are always keen to work with new partners to share the expertise we have within the school.

"The new HND in Sports Coaching, which will now be available through Cardiff and Vale College, will provide an excellent opportunity for students to begin building an understanding of, and experience in this increasingly popular field. It will also provide a pathway for students to potentially progress onto our BSc (Hons) Sport Coaching programme."

The college's partnership with Kingston University to deliver the BSc (Hons) in Aircraft Engineering course delivered at ICAT is going from strength to strength.

Aside from the dedicated aerospace training facilities at the CAVC ICAT (International Centre for Aerospace Training), HE students also benefit from a Kingston University degree qualification which follows the EASA Part 66 B Licence syllabus.

Peter Barrington, Head of Kingston University's School of Aircraft Engineering, said: "We welcome Cardiff and Vale College into the Kingston University Aircraft Engineering consortium.

"The university validation panel was very impressed with the resources and staff at ICAT.

"We work with a small number of colleges and industrial partners in providing an honours degree aligned with the EASA Part 66B License syllabus.

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TOP RIGHT: *Students in the specialist science laboratories.*

RIGHT: *The buildings are a stylish addition to the Cardiff city landscape.*

A student at the college's International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT).

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FOLLOWING the ending of the Second World War with its inhuman treatment of British and American prisoners, it was hard to feel sympathy when news came that an atom bomb had been dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The British public were elated that the end of the war seemed closer; but we had no idea of the utter devastation the bombs would bring to both cities.

Many years later, when I was living in London I was invited to a meeting which survivors of Nagasaki attended. I was deeply moved on seeing the appalling deformities of these still young people.

I made up my mind to do everything possible to help outlaw 'The Bomb'.

With others I would lobby our MPs in the House of Commons.

We can only hope the threat of an atom bomb is a thing of the past.

Well sung!

THE service which took place on Sunday at Saron Chapel, Treoes was very well attended. Perhaps the attraction is the very fine singing voice of the officiating cleric, Rev Denier!

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THESE FOUR AREN'T VERY FANTASTIC – BUT THERE IS POTENTIAL!

THE omnipresence of the superhero film has seen returns for those characters who didn't quite work out first time around.

Netflix has welcomed Daredevil to the fold, as well as The Punisher, who'll be appearing in the second season of his show, while on the big screen Superman, rescued from the ambivalence of *Superman Returns* in 2006, is lining up to take on Batman next year.

Two *Fantastic Four* films in the noughties yielded little love, so it's unsurprising that they make a return to the big screen under the direction of *Chronicle* director Josh Trank. Reed Richards (Miles Teller) is a young scientist who, along with colleagues Sue Storm (Kate Mara), her brother Jonny (Michael B Jordan), Ben Grimm (Jamie Bell) and Victor Von Doom (Toby Kebble) are affected when a journey to an alternative dimension results in some unwelcome side-effects (elasticity, invisibility, the ability to set themselves aflame and turning to rock among them); but as they attempt to adapt to their new-found abilities, a face from their past threatens the world...

Given how important creating a good impression is in the world of film, the auspices haven't been great for *Fantastic Four*. Rumours of reshoots being required, director Josh Trank being removed from the project, the studio dissatisfied with the finished product and negative reactions from the internet ranging from the casting to the look of the film, means that in the eyes of many this film is going to be anything but fantastic.

The finished product is a mixed bag, some intriguing and smartly thought-out elements rubbing shoulders with some peculiar narrative choices and an emphasis on world-building rather than creating engaging characters; while it certainly isn't fantastic, it is by no means a complete disaster.

First, the good: it's clear that director Josh Trank (who has recently suggested that this cut of the film isn't the version he wanted released) wanted to

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take a different route to the multitude of other superhero films that have filled up multiplexes. This is a film that is more focused on the science behind what gives the group their powers, and the impact it has on their lives, and by taking this road less travelled, makes an interesting and more low-key offering.

However, this only works if you are given a) the time to invest in the characters and their plight, and b) you get to see how a group of barely-adults can cope with something as life-changing as being given the ability to stretch or turn invisible.

Sadly, the script sets up the questions and the fuddles the answers; we never get under the skin of any of the characters, so while the cast all do reasonably well, the audience are unable to connect with what they are going through, and Trank's central idea of showing how they cope with their transformation is shamefully ruined with just a black screen and a caption.

Only Jamie Bell's Ben Grimm/Thing gets anything approaching a character arc that resonates, his transformation the most severe and the one that makes the character stand out. For the rest, it's just a case of same old, their new-found abilities only coming into play at the film's rushed, and underwhelming, climax.

A sense of being rushed is what spoils the film; its running time of 100 minutes is possibly 20 minutes too short (a rare complaint in this bloated age of cinema), and more time to get to know the characters and their motivations would have done the world of good.

Trank's stylish direction is muted and rooted in reality, and the rare moments of action, climax aside, are satisfying to watch, but there's not enough of it, almost as if he wanted to show the audience what they can do before letting loose in the next instalment.

It's this attitude that ultimately does for *Fantastic Four* – it feels like all set-up, no pay-off, which is a real shame as there are elements here that could quite easily, with a bit of tweaking, coalesce into a very good, entertaining film; however, on the evidence of this film, these Four aren't Fantastic just yet.

VERDICT – A case of the bad outweighing the good, there are gems to be found in *Fantastic Four* but they find themselves buried beneath an emphasis on setting up the world of the characters, rather than the characters themselves. Rushed and lacking any standout moments, there is potential from Josh Trank's film, but that's all – whether it will be realised in future offerings remains to be seen. Average.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Hulk* (2003), *Batman Begins* (2005).

Fundraiser raises over £10,000 for the Ty Hafan children's hospice

COMMUNITY regeneration specialist Keepmoat has again taken to the golf course – in a bid to raise money for Welsh children's hospice, Ty Hafan.

The Keepmoat golf day, which is in its third year, has raised a staggering £10,955 for the charity.

Ty Hafan is one of the UK's leading paediatric palliative care charities, offering support and care to life limited children and their families in Wales. It is based in Sully, where Keepmoat is currently working to deliver Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS) to council homes in the area.

After last year's success, organisers bid to raise over £10,000 for this year's event, a significant increase on last year's total of £8,000. With the help of 88 attendees, the team just surpassed the target, which raised over £2,000 more than last year and gives a combined total of over £25,000 over the last three years.

Ty Hafan relies heavily on donations such as these; in order to keep providing their services for free for families in Wales, the organisation must raise £3.7m a year.

Volunteers on the day, Claire Edwards and Geraint Thomas from Keepmoat.

Jayne Jenkins, project coordinator for Keepmoat, said: "This is our third year of holding this event, every time we're so overwhelmed by the generosity inspired by this charity.

"People are turning up year on year and helping us raise a fantastic amount of money for a great cause which is close to all of our hearts. We hope people continue to attend and give so generously and we go on to raise even more money!"

Alison Stallard, head of business and community fundraising at Tŷ Hafan, said: "We are incredibly grateful to Keepmoat for raising such a fantastic amount for Tŷ Hafan.

"We need to raise around £10,000 each day to provide our services, both in the hospice and out in the community, so we can help life-limited children and their families make the most of the precious time they have left together.

"The funds raised by Keepmoat will make a huge difference to children with short lives and their families from across Wales."

Local politicians' delight as Dyffryn Gardens win accolade

LOCAL politicians have been full of praise for Dyffryn Gardens after its second successive victory in the National Trust's 'Special Places' awards.

Following the award ceremony where Dyffryn House was crowned the nation's most special place, Vale Council Leader, Coun Neil Moore said: "Today's award is a fantastic achievement for Dyffryn House and a greatly deserved recognition of the hard work that all involved in its recent restoration have put in."

Last year's award was won by Penarth Pier, which sits only 10 miles from Duffryn House, and Coun Moore made clear what this means for the area: "Back-to-back successes for the county are clear proof that the Vale is firmly back on the map as one of Wales' leading destinations.

"Dyffryn House and Gardens, Penarth Pier, the heritage coast, and the newly rejuvenated Barry Island are attractions that can compete with anything else in Wales. The summer season is seeing huge numbers of visitors come into the Vale and the continued recognition of just how special a place the Vale is can only add to this."

Both Dyffryn House and Penarth Pier are owned by the Vale Council. Dyffryn House was leased to the National Trust in 2013.

Regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, has welcomed the official crowning of Dyffryn Gardens as Wales's most Special Place.

Mr Davies said: "Congratulations must go to the team and management at Dyffryn Gardens which has worked so hard over the last few years in revitalising this beautiful landmark. The gardens have been rightly recognised by locals as an outstanding beauty spot and the Vale can be very proud that it's won the award for two years running.

"This award will only boost the visitor numbers to the Gardens and is welcome recognition for all involved."

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "This is a great result for Dyffryn and a very well deserved reward for its dedicated team of staff and volunteers. Since the National Trust took over the gardens it has just got better and better. It is a beautiful part of the Vale and well worth a visit."

RIGHT: Jane Hutt AM talking to Chris Flynn, head gardener at Dyffryn Gardens.

COTTRELL PARK BOOSTS CHARITY

Golf club's summer ball raises £3,000 for Noah's Ark appeal

A SUMMER Ball in Cottrell Park Golf Resort's marquee on Friday, July 31 has raised much-needed funds for Noah's Ark Children's Hospital charity.

The event saw over 160 guests raise nearly £3,000, all of which will support the charity's work supporting the children's hospital for Wales.

The resort's vice lady captain, Sian Lovell, encouraged the current club captains and vice captain to choose Noah's Ark as their elected charity for 2015 because a close friend's son had leukaemia and was nursed back to health at the hospital.

The care he received was, in Sian's own words, "marvellous". The boy's mother now also does a lot of fundraising for Noah's Ark.

The evening was a black tie event with a Pimms reception at 7pm, followed by a three-course gala dinner by Spiros, the resort's in-house and award-winning caterer.

ABOVE: The proceeds are handed over.

The entertainment was by Big Mac's Wholly Soul Band; originally formed in 1990 and made popular when *The Commitments* film was released, as they too play 60s soul music.

The dance floor was full from the start with all guests having a great evening.

Sian had arranged for helpers, her husband John and neighbours to make the table centrepieces for the event. Creatively they were made from white base tiles; cut black B&Q drainpipes as vases, painted bamboo sticks with paper-maché flowers, all in a black and white theme.

They were very effective and saved funds, enabling more money to go to the charity.

During the evening, a silent auction and collection of table donation envelopes also helped achieve the total raised.

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THE public can discover the magic of trees at the Wales Tree Festival at the National Botanic Gardens on Saturday and Sunday (August 15 – 16).

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The Woodland Skills Centre will pass on their skills and knowledge of woodland crafts and members of the British Woodcarvers' Association will demonstrate how to make wooden pens and walking sticks, how to choose the right timber, and how to woodturn.

There will be chainsaw carving by talented local artist Simon Hedger and children will make bows and arrows and build dens, inspired by the legend of Twm Siôn Cati, the medieval Welsh outlaw.

They'll love looking for signs of fairies in our special Wales Tree Festival Fairy Wood and they can join the grown-ups in weaving a souvenir willow pot-stand (Saturday only) and join local artist Louise Burston painting and drawing trees – including the Ghost Forest (Sunday only).

The gardens are open from 10am to 6pm, with last entry at 5pm. Family activities run from 12 noon until 4pm every day.

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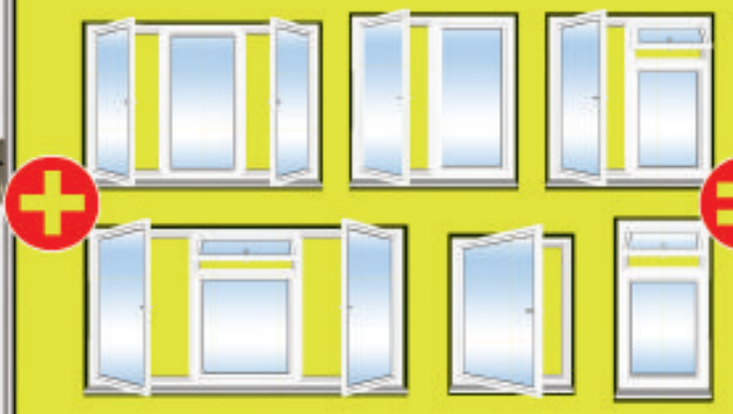

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Dyffryn Gardens.

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Windows, like many of the domestic goods we buy, can now be energy rated with the A to E label that we are all familiar with, but only windows assessed by the BFRC have the right to display the label.

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Senior operations manager, Stuart Price, said: "We are delighted to have been awarded the BFRC label for our windows. We have worked hard to ensure our products are energy efficient and to have the BFRC formally recognise that we achieved it is great.

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However very few people realise how easy it is to create their very own Wimbledon-worthy lawn at home. Here, Guy Jenkins from Johnsons Lawn Seed – the UK's leading UK premium grass seed supplier – explains how.

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WIMBLEDON lawns are created using 100 per cent amenity perennial ryegrass of the highest quality. The mixture used is quite simply one type of top grade ryegrass, similar to Johnsons Lawn Seed's 'The 1' – new for the 2015 season (prices start from RRP £7.99 for a 500g carton).

The difference with premium blends and budget brands of grass seed are the mixtures used; often unsuitable agricultural grasses are employed to bulk the pack out, so be on your guard.

Before you look to buy your seed, use the Johnsons Lawn Seed product selector (*www.johnsonslawnseed.com/seedselector.php*) to make sure you get the right seed for your garden.

Tie break – avoid carving up the court with infrequent and heavy mowing:

CUTTING the grass plays a huge part in maintenance, yet if done incorrectly, the damage to the grass plants you have sown and nurtured will only serve to set your championship lawn up for an early exit.

At Wimbledon, the courts are cut very short on a daily basis, leaving a dense carpet of strong but fine-leaved grass plants. But not everyone has a team of groundskeepers looking after their grass, so be realistic and aim for twice a week.

For the first cut of any newly sown lawn, avoid mowing any lower than 1¼ inches. All grass plants will naturally grow vertically, towards the light, so if left growing will become tall and sparse in the cover they provide.

By effectively pruning at the right height – cutting just the outer leaves at the top – the lower leaves can develop into thicker, stronger plants.

If your lawn looks sparse, or has weeds filling the gaps, this is often a clear sign that you are cutting too short.

Match point – getting back to the roots:

MAKING sure the root system of your grass is the healthiest it can be is also very important.

The Wimbledon lawns feature complex drainage systems beneath the turf, so to ensure you are thinking along the same lines, make sure to aerate your lawn in the dormant season – autumn being the best time for this.

During summer however, just make sure the ground is not too waterlogged or compacted, by avoiding over-watering or feeding.

Conversely, letting your lawn dry out will result in cracks exposing the roots, causing the grass to thin out and making it easier for weeds to take over.

Championship lawns, like champions, aren't created overnight.

However if you start planning now, choose the right seed, mow at the correct height and make sure the ground beneath the grass is in good shape, you'll be all set to host your own home-grown tennis tournament next year.

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Charity lunch is curtain-raiser for Vale Show

THE Glamorgan branch of NFU Cymru held a charity lunch last Sunday (August 9) in a marquee that had been set up for yesterday's Vale Show.

After the meal, branch chairman Abi reader took the opportunity to make a presentation to Ross and Nesta Lewis. Ross is a former chairman and a member of the NFU committee.

Another presentation was made to Andrew Morris, the head of fundraising at Velindre Hospital.

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

ABOVE: Alun Cairns MP and Andrew RT Davies AM enjoying the day.

BELOW: Ross and Nesta Lewis with Abi Reader (right).

ABOVE: Rhydian and Dewi Harris.

Andrew Morris receives a cheque on behalf of Velindre Hospital.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

(PONTSARN LEVEL CROSSING PETERSTON SUPER ELY)

(ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2015

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	The area to be closed is the level crossing at Pontsarn Lane, Peterston Super Ely.
Reason	To allow for replacement of Barriers, Bases and Traffic Signals.
Duration	From 22.00Hrs on Saturday 29th August 2015, until 06.00Hrs Wednesday 30th September 2015.
Alt. Route	Signed diversions for westbound traffic will be from the point of closure at Pontsarn Level Crossing, in a westerly direction to the junction at Clwdd Coch, then turning left and proceeding in a southerly direction through the village of Pendoylan, then continuing along this road in a southerly direction to the junction at grid 306191 175792 adjacent to Pendoyan Nursery, then continuing in a southeasterly direction from this junction to the junction at grid 307662 175420 at Gwern-Y-Steeple, and turning left, continue through the village of Peterston-Super-Ely to the junction at grid 308846 177362 adjacent to a property known as Lockwood, then turning left, and continue along this road in a northwesterly direction to the eastern point of the closure, and vice versa for eastbound traffic.
NB:	The contractor will provide supervised pedestrian access during the time of the closure.

Dated this 13th day of August 2015.

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
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Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015

GORCHYMYN (CAU FFORDD) (DROS DRO)

(CROESFAN WASTAD PONT-SARN LLANBEDR-Y-FRO)

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoli Traffig y Ffyrdd 1984 (ddiwygiedig), a phob pŵer galluogi arall, yn bwriadu, ymhen o leiaf saith niwrnod ar ôl dyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn cael yr effaith gyffredinol a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod:-

ATOLDEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw un yn gyrru nac yn caniatáu i unrhyw un arall yrru cerbyd modur yn y fan a nodwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATOLDEN 2

Lleoliad	Y groesfan wastad yn Lôn Pont-sarn, Llanbedr-y-fro yw'r fan a fydd yn cau.
Rheswm	Ailosod Bariau, Gwaelodion a Goleuadau Traffig y groesfan.
Cyfnod	O 10pm ar ddydd Sadwrn 29 Awst 2015, hyd 6.00am ar ddydd Mercher 30 Medi 2015.
Llwybr arall	Bydd traffig dargyfeiriedig sy'n teithio tua'r gorllewin, yn dilyn arwyddion o groesfan gaeëdig Pont-sarn i gyfeiriad y gorllewin, nes cyrraedd cyffordd Clawdd Coch. Bydd y traffig yn troi i'r chwith yn y fan honno, ac yn symud tua'r de drwy bentref Pendeulwyn, ac ymlaen ar hyd y ffordd honno i gyfeiriad y de o hyd, nes cyrraedd y gyffordd wrth gyfeirif grid 306191 175792, gyferbyn â Meithrinfa Pendeulwyn. Bydd yn symud ymlaen wedyn tua'r de ddwyrain, nes cyrraedd y gyffordd wrth gyfeirif grid 307662 175420 yng Ngwern-y-Steeple. Bydd y traffig yn troi i'r chwith yn y fan honno, ac yn teithio drwy bentref Llanbedr-y-fro, nes cyrraedd y gyffordd wrth gyfeirif grid 308846 177362, wrth ymyl darn o eiddo a adwaenir fel 'Lockwood'. Bydd yn troi i'r chwith wedyn, ac yn dilyn y ffordd honno tua'r gogledd orllewin nes cyrraedd pen dwyreiniol y fan gaeëdig. Bydd traffig dargyfeiriedig sy'n teithio tua'r dwyrain yn dilyn yr un llwybr yn union ond o chwith.
D.S.	Bydd y contractwr yn sicrhau bod mynediad i gerddwyr o dan oruchwyliaeth tra bod y fan hon ar gau.

Dyddiedig 13 Awst 2015.

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai
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Who wants to build what, and where in Vale?

*Mr Dave Sloan – **The Tannery and The Curriers, Wine Street, Llantwit Major** – subdivision of property to reinstate two dwellings.*

*Mr David Liscombe – **32 Maes Illtuds, Llantwit Major** – single storey lean-to to rear and extension and front porch.*

*Michelle Bagshaw – **Former Peterston rail station site, Station Terrace, Peterston super Ely** – construction of 12 one, two and three-bedroom affordable semi-detached and terraced houses and parking.*

*Bestway Group – **Co-operative Pharmacy, 148 Holton Road, Barry** – one internally illuminated fascia; one internally illuminated projector.*

*Mr Nick Ensor – **62 Fontygary Road, Rhoose** – removal of existing hedge and construction of a new wall greater than two metres high.*

*Mr Ian Jones – **10 Maillards Haven, Penarth** – removal of conservatory and build new orangery.*

*Mr Barry Lewis – **2 Heol Yr Ysgol, St Brides Major** – erection of a single storey rear extension with a raised decking area.*

*Mr Carey Jones – **Brooklands, Brook Lane, St Nicholas, Cardiff** – change of use of land to a residential use associated with Brooklands Hall and retention and alterations to existing barn for a use ancillary to the main dwelling house (resubmission of application 2014/00671/FUL).*

*Mr Matthew Bryant – **29 Archer Road, Penarth** – demolition of existing garden storage sheds to the rear of 29 Archer Road and construction of new single storey extension. Alteration of rear bedroom window to form Juliet balcony.*

*Mr Ian Watts – **149 Pontypridd Road, Barry** – single storey rear extension including new pitched roof to existing side extension.*

*St Mary Church – **St Mary Churchyard, Wenvoe** – dismantle all sycamore trees within raised bed.*

*Mrs Vaughan – **Ogney Brook House, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major** – crown lift ash tree.*

*Mr and Mrs Alex Fray – **15 Countess Place, Penarth** – proposed single storey rear extension and internal alterations.*

*Mr Barber – **New House, St Hilary** – fell maple tree and straight fell ash tree (exempt).*

*Mr and Mrs Edward and Victoria Hayes – **26 Plassey Street, Penarth** – single storey extension to rear garden elevation, conversion of flat roof to pitched roof to existing extension.*

MENTER IAITH BRO MORGANNWG

GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2015

11.07.15 • Promenâd Ynys y Barri

Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb – yn rieni, plant, staff, cynulleidfa ac artistiaid – am eich cyfraniadau gwerthfawr a sicrhaodd llwyddiant yr ŵyl yn ei blwyddyn cyntaf. Diolch hefyd i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg a Chyngor Celfyddydau Cymru am eu cefnogaeth.

Dyma ddetholiad o luniau o'r diwrnod i roi blas i chi, ac mae holl albwm o luniau swyddogol Gŵyl Fach y Fro 2015 ar gael ar dudalen Facebook y Fenter: chwiliwch am 'Menter Bro Morgannwg'. Rydym yn gofyn am adborth gan fynychwyr yr ŵyl, fydd yn ein helpu wrth werthuso'r digwyddiad. Mae'r holiadur ar-lein ar gael drwy agor y linc yma: surveymonkey.com/r/gwylfachyfro

Rydym yn gobeithio datblygu'r ŵyl ymhellach erbyn blwyddyn nesaf, drwy gydweithio gyda mwy o bartneriaid, a chreu mwy o ddigwyddiadau yn ychwanegol at yr arlwy gerddorol – gan gynnwys stondinau celf a chynnyrch Cymreig, artistiaid stryd, celf gweledol, gweithdai celf a chrefft, amser stori a stondinau bwyd a diod.

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg eisoes wedi datgan eu cefnogaeth i weld Gŵyl Fach y Fro yn parhau, ac fe fyddwn yn cadarnhau dyddiad Gŵyl Fach y Fro 2016 yn nhymor yr Hydref – felly gwyliwch allan am y cyhoeddiad!

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Sêr Eiry - Leo

OS cawsoch eich geni rhwng Gorffennaf 23ain ac Awst 22ain – fe'ch ganed dan arwydd Leo, y llew. Arwydd tân dan reolaeth yr Haul.

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Arwydd brenhinol os buodd un erioed! Rydych chi'n arweinydd naturiol yda llawer o gyfeillion ac yn llawn hunan hyder ac urddas – yn berson prysur, hael, twymgalon ac yn frwdfrydig dros ben. Rydych chi'n berson annwyl ac yn dangos eich teimladau'n hawdd ac yn hoff o blant. Mae gyda chi ewyllys gref a llawer o ynni – gall neb eich gwthio i wneud dim, ond mi fydd canmol a chlod yn aml yn llwyddo i'ch perswadio i wneud ambell i beth yn groes i'ch ewyllys.

Rydych chi'n hynod o greadigol ac yn mwynhau'r gorau o fywyd. Rydych chi'n ddewr a gonest. Bydd eich personoliaeth cynnes ac agored yn agor llawer o ddrysau i chi mewn bywyd. Does dim ofn awdurdod na chyfrifoldeb arnoch chi. Rydych chi'n dda gydag arian, ond eto'n hoff o wario.

I'r gwrthwyneb, mae'n gas gyda chi neb sy'n chwerthin ar eich pen. A rydych chi hefyd braidd yn ddiamynedd, bydd bywyd yn eich dysgu i ddisgyblu'r brwdfrydedd tanllyd 'na, a'r agwedd ddramatig tuag at fywyd. Ac mae tuedd ynnoch weithiau - os na fyddwch chi'n ofalus - i agor eich ceg a rhoi eich troed ynddi!

Leos enwog: Margaret Williams, Heulwen Haf, Tanni Grey-Thompson, Stan Stennett, Simon

MYND AM DRO YN Y FRO...

...i Ffontygari

gyda Dai Lingual

Canrifoedd a chanrifoedd ymhell i'r dyfodol, mi fydd yna erthygl fisol digon tebyg i hon yn y rhifyn diweddaraf o'r Gem bydd unwaith eto'n sôn am darddiad enwau llefydd.

Mae'n sicr bydd gorsaf reilffordd Maes Awyr Caerdydd yn achosi tipyn o benbleth i'r awdur, gan fy mod i fy hunan yn synnu weithiau o weld y fath arwydd yn ardal y Rhws!

Fodd bynnag, dim nepell o orsaf trenau Maes Awyr Caerdydd ger Y Barri mae Ffontygari, sy'n ceisio ein diddanu gydag awgrym o ba Gari enwog o'r Fro oedd yr ysbrydoliaeth – neu ba garu hyd yn oed! Gyda llaw, does dim awgrym gan unrhyw haneswyr mai treigliad ffaelyddus o'r Barri i Gari sydd ar ddigwydd yma, dim tan nawr ta beth!

Yn ei lyfr am enwau'r ardal o 1972, ceir sôn gan ein harbenigwr beunyddiol Howard Jones (our font of all etymological knowledge os dwed y Sais!) taw 'font' yr un modd â'r iaith fain sydd yma; sef ffynhonnell o ddŵr – ambell waith er mwyn bedyddio.

Carai Jones i chi wybod hefyd bod "carrai" yn golygu darn o ledr tenau i wisgo, clymu neu i chwipio – ac o wybod bod caeau cyfagos ag enw sy'n deillio o'r un gair mae dychymyg yn byrlymu wrth ddyfalu'r rheswm dros hynny...buchod angen eu chwipio ar y caeau wrth dynnu aradr efallai? Ei awgrym ef felly yw bod y "carrai" yn ffurfio diwedd Ffontygari.

Carwn i ddweud taw'r gwir yw, mai dyma'r fath o bentref yng nghefn gwlad Cymru ble dim ond un ffôn oedd ar gael tan yn ddiweddar, a hwnnw ond ar gael yn nhŷ Gari, ond mi fyddai hynny yn gwneud tro trwstan ar Ffontygari.

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What a brilliant week for the Romilly bowlers!

IT has been a brilliant week for Barry Romilly Bowling Club, with success for the Munro Cup side, the 'A' Side and two wins for the club side.

The Munro Cup team entertained local rivals Barry Central at Romilly Park on Wednesday last, taking the full 14 points – giving a chance to win the Cup when they visited Penarth Windsor yesterday (August 12) in a repeat of last year's play-off which saw the 'Rom' take the Cup.

Last week saw Romilly play two games – the first on Friday evening against Troedyrhiw, which was a re-arranged fixture – and the second on Saturday, a visit to Caerphilly.

Both games were of massive importance in regard to Romilly's chances of the league title this season.

Similarly, Romilly 'A' side, who are also chasing the league title, welcomed Cyfarthfa Castle team from Merthyr to Romilly Park.

'Rom' overcome Troedyrhiw

THE 'Rom' welcomed Troedyrhiw to the Park on Friday evening in a re-arranged fixture of vital importance in context of the league as Troedyrhiw, although some 25 shots behind, had two games in hand.

The game had to be reduced to 18 ends to beat the light as the start was slightly delayed waiting for some visitors to arrive.

When play began, the Romilly players appeared up for the game pressurising the visitors from the off and by the fifth end had a lead of nine shots.

The rink of Alan Bannister, Ray Hewitson, Fred Phillips and Brian Foscolo for once hit the ground running, ahead by seven shots at the fifth and ten shots at the end of the 10th: 15 – 5. Mel Newman's rink of Kelvyne Mills, Terry 'Smiler' Bloomfield and Clive Collins were down by one shot in the early ends but had a purple patch during ends six to 10 scoring 13 shots without reply, moving ahead 16 – 4.

The other Romilly rinks skipped by Jeff Wright and Graham Cogbill, were having more of a struggle and at the halfway stage were four down and just one ahead respectively.

The overall score at the end of the 10th was in favour of the 'Rom': 45 – 26 with three rinks ahead; therefore, it was imperative for all rinks to push on to secure the points. Foscolo and Newman's rinks were playing against top Troedyrhiw skips Richie Davies and Dai 'Bomber' Jones but they had no answer to the excellent bowling of the 'Rom' rinks, who ran out easy winners by 23 – 6 and 27 – 6 respectively. Cogbill's rink were having a seesaw game 15 – 9 behind at the 14th end and then going ahead by two on the penultimate end, unfortunately dropping a two on the final end, drawing 17 – 17.

This left Wright's rink last on the green once again in a close struggle but again losing out by just one shot after being three behind, picking up a two and just not able to draw a third with the last bowl.

Romilly ran out overall winners by 90 – 48 taking 11 of the 14 points, which places Romilly 12 points clear at the top of the league and, importantly, removes the challenge of Troedyrhiw.

Fantastic win

ROMILLY travelled to Caerphilly on Saturday, in confident mood having disposed of Troedyrhiw the previous evening, but uncertain of the team the home side would have available.

Although the 'Rom' players enjoy pitching their skills against the best it was pleasing to the ear to find that two of their internationals, namely Marc Wyatt and Ian Henderson, were unavailable.

The game began on a green which was difficult at best and took a lot of concentration to lay good bowls yet after five ends Romilly held a slender two shot lead.

During ends six to ten, the 'Rom' players played well with all rinks ahead giving Romilly an overall advantage of 18 (47 – 29).

The rink of Jeff Coles, Alun Bryan, George Trepleton and Jeff Wright for once were in a comfortable position leading 22 – 10 after the 15th end whereas Romilly's other rinks were embroiled in struggles with all rinks fairly even but Romilly were still 15 ahead overall.

It was vital for the 'Rom' over the final six ends to maintain their form to ensure a win and, importantly, keep ahead of the rest of the teams at the top.

Wright's rink were in impressive form and continued their excellent play right up to the end, running out decisive winners 34 – 14; plus the rinks of Foscolo and Newman also fought hard over the last few ends winning by 22 – 16 and 19 – 13 respectively.

Ironically Cogbill's rink who had drawn the previous evening were leading by one shot but once again lost a one on the final end to draw once again, but this was still a good result against the Caerphilly rink skipped by Welsh international Martin Selway.

The result was a fantastic win especially away from home, 92 – 60 with three rinks up and a draw giving the 'Rom' 13 points to Caerphilly's one point.

The two days produced 24 points out of 28 which was superb although unexpected and still leaves The 'Rom' 12 points clear at the top of the league table.

Romilly 'A' v Cyfarthfa Castle (Merthyr)

ROMILLY welcomed fourth placed Cyfarthfa Castle to Romilly Park on Saturday hoping to recover from the previous week's defeat and get back on track towards the title.

The visitors are a useful side and are able to create an upset, therefore the 'Rom' players had to be on their game to get a result – as the first five ends proved with the home side just ahead by three shots.

Romilly desperately needed to up their game and this came from the rinks of Paul Williams and Howard Jones who surged into leads of 14 – 4 and 13 – 5 respectively, offsetting the rink of Andrew Hacher who had gone behind 8 – 13, while Roger Jones' rink held a one shot advantage leaving Romilly ahead at the 10th end by 14 shots: 45 – 31.

Between ends 11 to 16 Romilly went further ahead, thanks to the rink of Phil Herbert, Clive Tapscott, Bryn Gough and skip Roger Jones who scored 16 shots without reply as the other rinks lost focus losing five shots between them but the 'Rom' still held a useful lead of 22 shots. Romilly with five ends to go were now confident of the overall victory and were trying to secure the individual rink points. Then things started to go wrong as Roger Jones' rink went from heroes to villains, as they dropped a six on the 17th end and a further four shots over the last four ends, winning by only seven shots after being 19 ahead.

This coincided with Hacher's rink dropping six shots over the same period, also Howard Jones' rink went into self-destruct as they lost a lead, losing by three shots.

Suddenly, the panic buttons were being pressed as things became uncomfortable; fortunately, the rink of Colin Davies, Mike Gronow, Brian Cheal and Paul Williams played superbly, taking six shots over last ends to secure an overall eight shot win, 82 – 74 and collect 10 points to maintain their lead at the top as second-placed Blaenrhondda lost at Rhoose.

FRED PHILLIPS

BARRY CENTRAL'S WINNING RUN COMES TO AN END

AFTER several weeks of success, Barry Central Bowling Club went to Ynysybwl on Saturday looking to continue their winning run.

However, this was not to be as Central found the Ynysybwl side at their best on a green that favoured the home side.

Having had a run of five wins on the trot, the rink of Ted Hudd came to an abrupt end, completely outplayed by the home team. Ted's usual four found themselves 20 to four down after nine ends and this advantage stayed with the home team, who eventually won by 37 shots to 12. Ted and his team had to congratulate the Ynysybwl four on an excellent win.

Captain Dave Goddard and his side had an epic battle against skip A Jones and his team. The scores were level pegging throughout the 21 ends played.

After 10 ends, Central were winning eight shots to seven and after 15 ends by 11 shots to 10, but Dave and his team found two more shots to give Central a lead which they kept until the final end, winning two shots 14 shots to 16 which was a great win for Dave and his four.

Tony Goddard and his team had another struggle against an experienced Ynysybwl four. The scores were more or less equal up to the halfway mark but a five on the 11th end saw the home side take advantage and this continued, with the Central side finishing up losing by 24 to 9.

Brian Castle and his team proved yet again that if you persevere, results can go your way. This proved the case with Brian's team with two inexperienced lead bowlers, S Downer and G Goldthorpe, playing excellent bowls. J Wathes and Brian consolidated the efforts made by the lead bowlers with Brian's rink winning by 22 to 15.

Although losing, the Central team still managed to acquire four points to stay in the promotion race. The big challenge will be against Splott Phoenix at home this coming Saturday, and Llantwit Major away in two weeks time.

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Cowbridge £565,000

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Cowbridge captain Neil is on course for 1,000-run landmark

A THRILLING match which began with a Merilaht-Brand stand of 166 and ended with a wicket with just one ball left, saw Cowbridge claim an outright victory at Briton Ferry Town by 100 runs last Saturday.

The result kept Cowbridge in the second promotion space for elevation back to Division One of the South Wales Cricket Association.

Given Cowbridge's record of batting sides out of the game, it was a surprise that the home side invited Cowbridge to take first use of a good pitch and short boundaries.

Mike Lloyd was lbw for 24 with the score on 41 but this start allowed a stand of 166 for the second wicket. To watch Tom Merilaht and Neil Brand bat together is to witness a contrast of styles. Merilaht, as ever, batted with great effectiveness to post his second near miss of a century this season.

Do not expect the spectacular when watching Merilaht go about his business, just look at the scoreboard and wonder how he has scored as many as he has.

Brand, though, is a marked contrast to his predecessor as captain. Tall and left-handed, Brand's assaults on the bowling have a brutal air, dealing less in the pushes and nudges of Merilaht, more in the currency of hard hit boundaries.

Their stand was broken at 200 when Merilaht was caught for 92, but aided by Chris Willey (10) Brand continued to demoralise the home attack as his total rose to 124 and the Cowbridge innings concluded on 257-3.

This was the prolific Brand's fifth century of the season in 15 innings and he needs just 62 runs to become the first Cowbridge batsman to score 1,000 runs in a league season.

There was never any likelihood of the home side getting close to the Cowbridge total but an outright win was vital to Cowbridge. Wickets proceeded to fall at regular intervals but nothing like fast enough to allow Cowbridge supporters a real hope of victory.

There were wickets for all the bowlers, Rian Thomas took one, Neil Brand three, Tom Merilaht one and Matthew Keating three.

Their efforts had meant that the four wickets needed in the last 10 overs had been reduced to one off the last.

Enter Alex Kurobasa, a stylish batsman but one whose nearest and dearest would describe as only an occasional bowler.

This proved to be an occasion to remember for Alex, as he bowled the obdurate Briton Ferry No 7 who had top scored with just one ball left.

High drama indeed, but a vital win and with it maximum points had been achieved.

All the three top sides won at the weekend leaving the table: Bronwydd 304; Cowbridge 281; Drefach 264.

With a maximum of 28 points available, the quality of opposition and the weather could play important parts. Cowbridge play a vital home fixture against Drefach on Saturday, a game they dare not lose.

Thereafter it's Gorseinon and lowly Pwll. Drefach have to play the two sides above them and Maesteg.

It's all reaching an exciting climax but Cowbridge have it their power to take a giant step towards achieving their goal on Saturday at the Athletic Field.

JB

Successful week for Cowbridge Bowling Club

LAST week was a good one for Cowbridge Bowling Club men with two wins, both at home.

In the mid week Munro Cup game, Cowbridge beat Barry Plastics on three of the four rinks, and took the match overall by 31 shots.

Rink scores: Tony Lewis, Len Taylor, Peter Launder and Clive Pritchard (skip) 20 – 10; Ron Frayling, Bryan Hole, Rob Lewis and Norman Wilkinson (skip) 32 – 8; Mansel Davey, Gerry Lloyd, Colin Wilkinson and Allan Wallace (skip) 20 – 19; Terry Dunsworth, John Hunt, Guy Morton and Bob Penn (skip) 18 – 20.

Match score: Cowbridge 89, Barry Plastics 58.

Last Saturday, with Cowbridge needing points to climb away from the league basement, we outbowled Llantwit on three of the four rinks and won overall by 16 shots. We also gained 12 valuable points. It was one of the club's better performances this season.

Rink scores: Terry Dunnsworth, Brian Williams, Byron Richards and Roger Barwick (skip) 15 – 12; Charles Sanders, John Jones, Guy Morton and Norman Wilkinson (skip) 29 – 21; Ron Frayling, Michael Bradley, John Trott and Bob Penn (skip) 26 –14; Mansel Davey, Len Taylor, Peter Launder and Colin Wilson (skip) 19 – 26.

Match score: Cowbridge 89, Llantwit 73.

Although the ladies lost their Friday evening league two rink game at Dinas Powys, they more than made up for it with two convincing home wins earlier in the week.

On August 4, Cowbridge welcomed Kenfig and Pyle ladies in a Cowbridge Challenge Shield Game. Cowbridge won on all three rinks and by a 25-shot margin.

Rink scores: Lin Wallace, Carol Davies, Phyllis Price and Kay Edwards (skip) 21 – 9; Helena Snelling, Mary Thomas, Shirley Wilkinson and Joy Woolford (skip) 11 – 7; Sandra Collin, Pat Davey, May Jones and Pat Holdsworth (skip) 17 – 8.

Match score: Cowbridge 49, Pyle and Kenfig 24.

Cadoxton were the visitors in the league game two days later. Cowbridge won on all three rinks and by 40 shots overall.

Rink scores: Lynda Wilson, Sylvia Hole, Kay Edwards and Joan Bradley (skip) 18 – 8; Janet Morton, Phyllis Price, Diane Lloyd and Sue Flower (skip) 26 – 6; Dorothy Pritchard, Caryl Davies, Jan Lewis and Shirley Wilkinson (skip) 22 – 12.

Match score: Cowbridge 66, Cadoxton 26.

Both ladies and men are coming into the final phases of our club competitions. The men play Fairoak at Roath Park this Saturday. To be safe in Division three it is a game we need to win. Watch this space.

MB

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Llantwit just edge home in close game with Millwood

LLANTWIT MAJOR Bowls Club 'A' were without a fixture mid week, as the game with Cefn Cribwr was cancelled.

In spite of a few games being cancelled, none of them have been due to us. It has always been the opposition, unlike previous years when we had to field two teams on a Wednesday night.

Saturday was a CML 7 game against Millwood 'A', which as expected, was a very close encounter, with Llantwit winning by just 11, shots 82-71.

Richie Gray's four of Geoff Tim's, Mike Jones and John Ball struggled against a strong rink. Llantwit were up two shots with two ends to go but dropped a three and a two and went down 15-18.

Graham Merchant's rink, Andy Vincent, Paul Brown and Pat Twomey also put up a fight after being 13-9 down on the 13th end, 21-14 down on the 18th end. They came back strongly to go down by just three shots 19-22.

Eric Hacker's rink of Cen Williams, Ambrose Horgan and Ken Williams almost covered the deficit of the other two rinks with a final 22-17 victory.

But the match winners were Roy Vowles, Mike Harmon, John Nixon ably skipped by Mike Adams against the experienced Derek Gorringe's rink, winning 26-14.

Well done to all for keeping our promotion hopes well alive.

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The Barry-born 'cook' who won Grand National

THIS week's subject from my out of print book *Welsh Steeplechase Jockeys*, which was published by Cwmnedd Press in 1993, is Grand National winning jockey John Cook.

In 1971, Barry-born John Cook became the first Welshman to win the Grand National since Mervyn Jones had been successful on *Bogskar* 31 years earlier.

Riding the 28-1 chance *Specify*, owned by Fred Pontin, the 24 year-old former sailor, who was in fifth place jumping the last fence behind *Sandy Sprite, Bowgeeno, Black Secret* and *Astbury*, conjured up a late dash on the long run-in to pip *Black Secret* by a neck.

In winning this exciting race, John displayed one of the coolest examples of horsemanship ever seen at Aintree. His parents used to do the catering for the apprentices at Kingsclere and that is where he served his own apprenticeship with Welshman Evan Williams for some two-and-a-half-years, and later for the same period of time with Peter Hastings-Bass who had taken over the yard.

John's riding career really took off when he put an advertisement in the now sadly long-defunct Sporting Life in 1962, requesting rides. And as a result of the advertisement, he got a job with Frank Cundell at Aston Tirrold.

John chalked-up the first of his 297 winners on *Samoan Sun* at Stratford the following year. He was associated with that wonderful steeplechaser *Spanish Steps* on whom he won the Black and White Whiskey Gold Cup (1968), Totalisator Champion Novice Chase (1969), Benson and Hedges Chase (1971), Hennessy Gold Cup (1969) and the Stones Ginger Wine Chase (1971).

His biggesr success over hurdles was winning the Schweppes Gold Trophy on *Cala Masquida* in 1971.

His race riding career was cut short in 1972 when he broke his right leg for a second time.

He later emigrated to Australia and after a long illness bravely borne, he died in 1999. He was aged just 62, a sad end for a wonderful jump jockey.

Next time, we will take a look at the race riding career of the much loved racing writer Dick Francis, who was born and bred in Pembrokeshire.

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Cowbridge take 1840 Cup in fine style

RIGHT: John Morgan presents the 1840 Cup to Mike Lloyd.

ONE of the oldest recorded cricket fixtures was between Cowbridge and Bridgend in 1840.

The two clubs now play annually for the 1840 Cup and in their 175th celebration year, the fixture was hosted at the Athletic Club, Cowbridge.

It also coincided with the annual President's Lunch – a lavish affair that lasts all afternoon where the players enjoyed a hog roast dinner.

Entertainment was provided by a 40-over match between the two sides. Bridgend won the toss and elected to bat first.

Their batsmen were intent on striking the ball to all corners of the ground but this risk and reward attitude gave them problems, especially in the form of the left arm spin bowling of Matthew Keating, who returned the best figures of the bowling side with 8 overs, 2 for 19.

Young Sam Russell returned 3 for 37, Tom Merilhat 3 for 42 and Alex Kurobasa 2 for 44. Bridgend were all out for 188 in the 39th over through the efforts of Tom Pearce 45, Troy Smith 29, Tom Dalton and Sam Pearce (both 22).

After tea, it was the turn of Cowbridge to chase this formidable total. Cometh the hour, cometh the man and captain Michael Lloyd was that man. He carried his bat with107 not out, finishing the game in fine style in the 28th over with two consecutive sixes into the car park.

He was ably supported by Tom Merilaht (20), Gethin Davies (16), Rian Thomas (17) and young Ed Thomas (17 n.o.). Mike's century included five sixes and 11 fours.

Cowbridge president Jeff Bird was delighted with the day's proceedings and invited John Morgan (chairman of Bridgend CC) to present Mike with the 1840 Cup.

HW

LEAGUE LEADERS TOO HOT FOR CENTURIONS

SULLY Centurions 1st XI travelled to top of the table Newport Fugitives and were well beaten, bringing Centurions down to earth with a bump after last week's great win.

The hosts batted first and in spite of Gareth Thomas and Lloyd Bruce making early breakthroughs with the wickets of openers Bridges (4) and Chorley (15), Fugitives regained their composure and showed why they are sitting on top of the table. with a fine batting performance.

Emmott (73 not out) and Hall (67 not out) were the pick of the Newport batsmen, with good support from Thomas (37) Evans (34) and Millichip (20). The innings closed on 289 for 5, with Bruce (2 for 40) Thomas (2 for 63) and Barak (1 for 22) getting the wickets for Centurions.

In reply, Centurions were grateful to Ted Alsop, who produced a battling 67 and Sandeep Shokeen (44) for giving the innings some momentum. But the target was always going to be a difficult one, particularly in the face of some accurate bowling from Fugitives.

Emmott, who added to his batting heroics with 3 for 44, and Durston and Thomas, with two wickets apiece, did the damage for Newport as the Centurions innings ended on 188 all out in the 44th over.

Depleted Seconds are well beaten

THE Second XI hosted Newport Fugitives Seconds in the reverse fixture at Burnham Avenue, with a much weakened side, due to several players being unavailable.

Batting first, Centurions lost wicket after wicket due to some fiery bowling and excellent fielding. Only veteran skipper Dave Sylvester managed to get into double figures, as he carried his bat for 21 not out.

Unfortunately for Sully, the last wicket fell with the score on a paltry 46. The biggest achievement was that the home side made it to the 32nd over!

After tea, it didn't take long for openers Adams (18 not out) and Hale (22 not out) to reach the small target as Fugitives clinched the victory in the seventh over. Definitely one to forget.

Lisvane friendly

ON Sunday, Centurions travelled to Lisvane for a friendly and ran out winners by 37 runs.

Batting first, Centurions reached 198 all out, with the lion's share of the runs coming from Ted Alsop, with a splendid 70. Calum Thomas (25) and James Capper (24) were the next highest scorers, but the whole side chipped in with runs.

The only negative aspect was that the team failed to bat out the 40 overs.

Lisvane's reply was dominated by Powell's 42 and again all the side got runs. But thanks to some decent bowling, the home side were restricted to 161 all out. Ted Alsop added to his batting performance with bowling figures of 3 for 20.

MF

Barry Stars beat male opposition to take trophy

Congratulations to the ladies of the Barry Stars summer skittle team on winning the Olga Collins Trophy (and £500) at Cadoxton Cons on August 5. In a tight finish against all male team 'Buffa Con' the final score was 138 – 126. Pictured with the trophy (clockwise from left) are: Sylvia Richards, Mel Richards, Ceri Lambert, Tina Johnson, Linda Lambert (captain) Christine Bishop.

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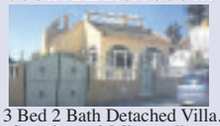

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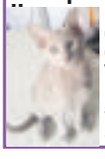

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Helen storms to win in London Triathlon

LOCAL triathlete Helen Jenkins proved she is back to full fitness with a conclusive win in the AJ Bell London Triathlon last Sunday.

Following her withdrawal from a test event in Rio last week, she was back on fighting form, racing to victory in an impressive time of 1hour, 56mins 32secs, a full minute and seven seconds ahead of Australian Charlotte McShane and almost five minutes ahead of 2014 winner Emma Pallant.

Helen commented: "It's been a tough few months and I had a bad result in Rio last weekend so it's fantastic to be back and to have had such a great race. I had a bit of aggression to let out but me and Charlotte worked really well together.

"We played to our strengths, kept our heads down and it paid off. I didn't feel great in the swim, but pulled through on the bike and run and it felt amazing to finish how I did."

Providing another gripping race, the men's elite title was taken by Australian Peter Kerr who was on Welsh triathlete Liam Lloyd's tail for much of the race. Eventually passing Lloyd on the final lap of the run, Kerr finished with a time of 1hour, 48mins, 27secs, followed closely behind by David Bishop.

Helen Jenkins.

Charlotte McShane, Helen Jenkins, Emma Pallant – AJ Bell London Triathlon 2015.

'An honourable draw' as ladies take on seniors

THE latest competition results at Brynhill Golf Club are as follows:

Wayfarers

July 29: Brynhill v Whitchurch – away. Whitchurch win 5-0. August 5: Brynhill v Whitchurch – home. Whitchurch win 3-2.

Seniors

July 23: Brynhill v Creigiau – Brynhill lost 7-1. July 30: Brynhill v Dinas Powys – Brynhill lost 4.5 - 3.5.

Seniors v Ladies competition (July 27)

THIS competition is held every year and is played with fun and camaraderie. The weather was wet and windy so it was played over 12 holes, not 18.

*Whatever the scores, the match conclusion is always an honourable half. Everyone met back in the clubhouse after the match where a good meal was provided by the caterer Mark Dommett. The ladies' captain, Glynis Gould, and seniors' captain, Ralph Thomas, thanked the play*ers for taking part in such poor weather conditions. **JK**

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Kayakers' success at the Special Olympics

Adrian Abbott.

James Savory.

TWO Special Olympics athletes from the Vale have returned home with silver medals around their necks.

Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) and James Savory (Barry) competed in the Special Olympics World Summer Games, Los Angeles, in sprint kayaking at the Olympic venue, Marine Stadium Long Beach.

What an experience these two have had, first attending a party for the GB team at the residence of the American ambassador in London and the following day flying to LA, to spend five days in Calabassas, the host town of the GB team.

Then they travelled to the British embassy for a reception, and finally on to their accommodation at the USC. The second week was all about the competition, with two days qualifying and two days finals. On day three, the competition started at 9am, with James paddling in the 500m K2, winning the silver medal.

Within an hour, he was racing again, this time in the 500m K1 in a hard-fought race, where he finished fifth.

Adrian's event was also a close race, with another GB team member in the mix, and he managed a bronze medal.

Day four saw the 200m K1 races start. Adrian had a tough race and at the halfway mark he was at the back of the field, but he fought through the field to silver medal position.

James competed in the highest division of the day, this was an extremely close and hard-fought race between all competitors, with James coming home with the fastest time of the GB squad in fifth place.

Adrian and James said: "It was an awesome two weeks. We had a great time, met many celebrities and made many new friends from around the world. We would like to thank everyone who helped us to fulfil our dreams."

Jeff Savory, chairperson of Special Olympics Wales, said it had been an honour helping the seven Welsh athletes who were part of GB team fundraise and train, and then to watch them competing with determination, spirit and sportsmanship that is the hallmark of a Special Olympics athlete. **JS**

CAPTAIN'S WEEKEND

ABOVE: Phil Browne, with the best net over the two days, and RIGHT: Scott Warne (best gross over the two days) were the big winners at the Brynhill captain's weekend held recently. Captain Rhys Jones was on hand to present the golfers with their prizes.

Barrivale bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for August 4:

This week saw teams competing for both the EWBA Claret Jug and the Doughty Bowl - 1st Mike Close and Jenny Vaughan 63.75 per cent; 2nd Mick Green and Vivien Liles 56.42; 3rd Kay Dyer and Sean Macdougall 54.75. Hilary Laurence and Ken Hannah won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm. DR

Difficult week for the Cadoxton bowls teams

ON Saturday, August 8, Cadoxton took on Roath Park in CML6. Cadoxton were missing some of their regular players and travelled to Roath Park on a glorious, sunny day.

They were hoping for another win to keep their standing near the top of the division. Unfortunately, their aspirations were dashed and they managed just one successful rink.

This was skipped by Roy Harding and after losing the opening end, a ding dong battle ensued and they held the lead for virtually the remainder of the game, but never managing to open a substantial advantage.

The scores were level when a break was taken for tea. On the resumption a '3' was scored, which was cancelled out with a '5' that left them behind for the only other time. A '4' on the next recovered the advantage which was held until the end.

The overall picture was not so rosy, with the home side taking a lead from the off, and never relinquishing it throughout the game.

At the tea break, the deficit was 32 shots, which worsened to 41 shots after 15 ends.

It was at this stage that Cadoxton started to improve on all rinks, but too late to make any major impact.

The main change came on the rink skipped by John Jones. After conceding a '6' on the 14th end to leave them 13 shots behind they countered with a '6' and continued improving to draw level going into the final end.

Regrettably, a single against took the 2 points. Don Kuhnell's rink was successful on the last six ends, but all singles.

Howard Craven also made a late recovery with wins on the final five ends.

I Heppenstall, I Robertson, G Davies, D Kuhnell 14 –22; P Swannick, D Evans, K Chedgzoy, R Harding 19 –16; E Heppenstall, P Ellis, D Brook, J Jones 25 –26; G Solomon, L Adams, D Jeffries, H Craven 15 –26.

Final score: 73 – 90.

Cadoxton 'a' v Murch 'a' – CML

It was the same old story for the Cadoxton 'A' side at home to Murch 'A', three players short, and another defeat.

The good news was that Dai Tuck was able to resume playing and he assisted skip Graham Garland, returning after a few weeks absence, with Rob Byrne completing a 'winning' Triple.

They conceded a '4' and '3' in the early stages, but by the fifth end the scores were level.

An eight-end successful run brought the score to 18-8 in their favour. Then five more wins while conceding three times finished the game.

Dennis Hammond managed just two wins in the first nine ends to trail 4-15, but was better in the remaining ends, scoring 12 shots with 10 against.

Alan Carpenter skipped the only complete rink but scored just two singles in the opening eight ends, leaving them 2-16 behind, and Dave Fanning also had a bad start with a '4' and '5' against on the opening ends. Neither rink made a recovery.

R Cole, S Clarke, D Fanning 12 – 29 D Letts, J Harrison, R Huntley, I Robinson.

D Tuck, R Byrne, G Garland 24 – 13 B Frampton, I Roberts, P Willis, G Pearce.

S Clements, R Morris, D Hammond, 16 – 25 M Wheadon, Arthur Perry, A Perry, R Pratt.

G Powell, J Smart, A Prince, A Carpenter 10 – 29 E Atkins, O May, P Vend, C Garland.

Score: 62 - 96.

Wednesday August 5

Cadoxton v Sully– Munro Cup

The visit to Sully for this Munro Cup match ended with two winning rinks each.

Ivor Robertson skipped the rink against Dennis Edwards and started with a 5-1 advantage after four ends.

This was cancelled out during the next two at 5-5. At this stage, the Cadoxton rink took command and completed the game with just one further single against.

Unfortunately this big success was cancelled out on the Howard Craven rink, by the rink skipped by Hugh Levick-Jones.

They scored nine shots without reply during the first four ends. The visitors managed only four successful ends during the game.

Gordon Davies skipped a rink against Dave Curtis and with Paul Swannick making a good contribution, reached 13-7 with two ends left.

A '4' against on the next left a jittery last end, which went to the home side with a single, but it was a win for the visitors.

John Jones skipped the other rink against Carl Best and was 8-0 down after five ends.

Six shots reduced the deficit over the next few ends whilst two were added. A further five were scored against before a recovery brought five winning ends from the last six, but not enough for success.

R Byrne, A Field, D Hammond, I Robertson 25 – 6 B Curtis, C Michael, J Best, D Edwards.

G Powell, I Heppenstall, G Solomon, H Craven 6 – 27 H Thomas, T Murphy, A Rees, HL Jones.

S Clements, D Fanning, P Swannick, G Davies 13 – 12 D Davies, S Norris, A Thomas, D Curtis.

E Heppenstall, A Prince, D Jeffries, J Jones 13– 16 E Pryer, D Curtin, A Smith, C Best

Final score: 57 - 61.

DK

Barry Athletic back to winning ways

ON Saturday Barry Athletic Cricket club entertained Ponthir, in a vital 'must win' game under new captain David Goodway, who lost the toss and was asked to bowl first on a glorious afternoon at the athletic ground, Barry Island.

It was former captain John Gee who took the first wicket when he had Davies lbw with the score on seven. The score had reached 11 when Detteridge was caught by Murphy off the bowling of Frost for four.

The third wicket fell with the score on 36 when Burkitt was caught by Rhett Jones off the bowling of Gee. Six runs later Gee took the wicket of Norman, fantastically caught in the covers one-handed by Andre Buckland for 10.

Jake Griffett then got in on the act as he picked up the wickets of Dunnehay and Harold, caught Baker and Jones respectively, both in the 28th over with the score on 88.

It then became 88 for seven when Peter Hellyar had Mark Crook lbw for 0 and three wickets had fallen for no runs in 11 balls.

It then became the Billy Usswald show as he picked up the wickets of Evans, caught by Buckland for two, Jarvis, bowled for 0 and A Burkitt, who was caught by the diving Peter Hellyar at mid on for a fine 55.

Ponthir were all out for 126 in the 40th over and Billy Usswald finished with three for eight, Gee three for 31 and Griffett two for 33.

In reply, Barry got off to a fast start as Paul Murphy and Nathan Baker put on 43 in six overs before Baker, trying to play one shot too many, was caught at long off for 33 in 18 balls with five fours and one six, off the bowling of Crook.

This brought Rhett Jones to the wicket to join Murphy and they added 16 before Murphy was caught off the bowling of Evans for 17.

New father Jones was then joined by Goodway as they added 43 in eight overs as Barry neared their target of 127 before Jones was out – caught for 30 in 31 balls, including five fours and one six off the bowling of Evans.

Andrew Buckland then joined Goodway as they proceeded to take Barry to the target. They reached it when Buckland hit the winning runs with a cover drive for four, this left Buckland nine not out, with Goodway finishing 33 not out and a Barry win under the tenure of new captain Goodway.

Barry Athletic's second XI travelled to Ponthir and produced another win on their title charge.

They reached 243 for eight in their 45 overs with Henry Dawson and a fine 46 being the mainstay of the innings.

The other main contributors were Damon Leake 33, Hugh Smith 26 and 16 by Simon Phillips.

In reply, Ponthir were all out for 192 with only Adams (50), Denney (27), and Waterhouse (25) the main scorers.

Ashley Baker, five for 23 and Steve Oram, two for 38, were the main bowlers for Barry as their march for the title continues under the fine captaincy of Baker.

This week Barry Athletic first XI travel to Rogerstone, while the second XI are at home to the same opponents, both games a 12.30pm start.

On Tuesdays, Barry Athletic hold junior training from 6pm to 7.30pm.

This Sunday junior co-ordinator Mark Ellis and club secretary/first XI scorer Mark Rees will embark on a sponsored walk with some of the junior section to raise funds for the junior section from the athletic ground, Barry Island to the SSE SWALEC Stadium in Cardiff to deliver a signed bat and a commemorative 125th anniversary cap to the museum.

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THERE was so much to see at the Vale Show, which was taking place yesterday (Wednesday) at Fonman Castle.

See next week's GEM for more photographs and resuts from the day.

Llantwit Ladies take on Porthcawl

WITH a visit to Porthcawl Ladies for the last game of the CCS it looked like being quite a challenge with gusty winds blowing across the green.

Llantwit Ladies soon took control on all rinks, unfortunately on Barbara's rink Porthcawl Ladies took the lead in the 14th end and they lost by five points.

M Gomma, N Baelz, E Gray, B Lewis 13-18; K Johnes, M Davies, C Willmot, M Horgan 20-11 1/2; E Crouch, P Brown, H Nixon, V Ball 15-10 1/2.

On Thursday we travelled to Rectory Road, Penarth for a league game; with both clubs near the top it was an important game.

All our ladies played well and we came away with the maximum 10 points.

Ladies with the last league game of the season at Cowbridge on Thursday, do not forget to get your competitions played.

The ladies' AGM will be held in the clubhouse on Tuesday, September 29 at 2.30pm.

Rhoose bowlers enjoy a successful week's competition

AS the bowling season draws to a close, the teams at Rhoose Bowling Club have enjoyed a successful week.

The ladies' team played their penultimate league match against Pontyclun Ladies.

Rita Craig's rink built up a commanding lead by winning the first seven out of eight ends, with Pontyclun finding it difficult to come to terms with the carpet green.

Finally, the Rhoose rink won by 25 shots to 8.

The game on the other rink, skipped by Pat Jupp, was much closer with Rhoose only leading by one shot by the 14th end. By winning the next three ends, securing five shots while Pontyclun managed one shot, they won by 18 – 13.

The men's team also secured an important 10 points from their CDML match against second placed team Blaenrhondda.

Geoff Lages' rink won by 21 shots to 11, Mike White's by a brilliant 30 shots to nine, Les Parsons Jnr's lost by 20 shots to 23 and Ron Ball's by 16 shots to 21, so Rhoose won by 87 shots to 64.

On Sunday, the club held its two bowl Pairs Club Competition. The 10 participating pairs were divided into two leagues, with the winners of each league playing a final.

Sue Dance and Mike White faced brothers Tony and Geoff Lages.

Sue and Mike took an early four-shot lead but by the fifth end the brothers had levelled the score. They then won the next three ends, winning by nine shots to four. **JH**

LATEST PORTHCAWL BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

LATEST results from the Porthcawl Bridge Club are:

Saturday, **July 18** – first Colin and Hazel Heard; second Maurice Harris and Audrey Tinkler.

Monday, **July 20** - first Tony Haworth and Gary Williams; second (equal) Maurice and Margaret Harris, Trish Saunders and Pat Haworth.

Thursday. **July 23** – first Keith Davison and Tony Haworth; handicap Diane Jones and Kath Grossey.

Saturday, **July 25** – first Keith Davison and Tony Haworth; second Roger Plant and Betty Longley.

Monday, **July 27** – first Maurice and Margaret Harris; second Terry Dolan and Roger Plant.

Thursday, **July 30** – first Keith Davison and Tony Haworth; handicap David Rance and Audrey Tinkler.

Saturday, **August 1** – first Dil and Marian Evans; second Beth Davies and Winnie Phillips. Monday, **August 3** – first Gary Williams and Tony Haworth; second Pat Haworth and Janet Richards. Thursday, **August 6** – first Connnie Dick and Pat Cogbill; handicap Terry Dolan and Roger Plant.

The club meets three times a week – Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, and Monday at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel 7pm-10.15pm, visitors welcome at any time.

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Setback for Wales in early skirmish

GATLAND'S GAMBLE ON HIS YOUNG RECRUITS IS TORPEDOED BY SEASONED IRISH TROOPS...

No such thing as a friendly match in World Cup year!

BACK PAGE COMMENT
by Don John

No way through!
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THE first close encounter of a Celtic kind took place at Lansdowne Road, Dublin on January 28, 1882, when a raw Wales team took to the international field for the very first time in what was supposed to be a 'friendly' fixture against Ireland, who fielded 10 new caps that day.

A pattern was immediately set that was to become very familiar over 132 years and 121 fiercely-contested clashes – the first game being *"frequently disrupted after disputes broke out from both sides"*, according to one tactfully-worded account!

Wales triumphed in the end by two goals, four tries to nil under the old scoring system, but such is the keen rivalry generated between the two, that the result is generally all but impossible to predict.

None more so than in the latest 'friendly' encounter between the two – last Saturday at a near packed out Millennium Stadium in Cardiff – when both camps rested the bulk of their first choice players as part of the Rugby World Cup preparations.

There was a crucial difference, though – while Ireland selected what was arguably almost a second string, firmly buttressed by vastly experienced players, Wales opted for an experimental line-up with only a smattering of 'old hands' in the mix.

Wales' assistant coach Shaun Edwards had candidly admitted beforehand that it was a calculated risk to field four new caps, relative novices and fringe players, even though there was nothing ostensibly at stake: *"It's almost like we are going into the unknown a little bit. We have got a lot of players we have seen play before, but who are playing with players they haven't played with before"*.

And, sadly, that is exactly how it looked to the 74,000 spectators in the stadium and millions watching on TV, as the untroubled Irish romped to their 50th (and surely easiest) win over Wales – the 35-21 final result, if anything, flattering a home team that in truth was never in a one-sided contest from the opening set-piece.

No wonder grim-faced head coach, Warren Gatland, looked shaken by the sheer scale of his team's collective failings at the after-match press conference.

After all, he had gambled on players who have been in continuous training together for two months to at least have a passing acquaintance with each other (no pun intended).

***"We are very disappointed with the way we played …and the high number of handling errors and turnovers we conceded in the first half…. We gifted them too many soft points. "There are a number of aspects to work on. We made it quite easy for Ireland in the end,"* he said drily.**

In fact, Wales were under the cosh up front from the outset, both in the tight and at the breakdown, being immediately forced into desperate defence. An inevitable score was not long delayed and it was seasoned Irish skipper Jamie Heaslip who strolled over unopposed for the first of five all too easy touchdowns.

Outside half Paddy Jackson failed to convert, but after the embattled home eight were again pinned down on their own line, it led to an enforced penalty, which this time Jackson lofted over, and he followed this six minutes later by converting another stroll-over Irish try, this time by centre Darren Cave to put his side 15 points up in the first quarter.

The more street-wise Irish then foiled a promising, if isolated, Welsh attack by dubious means, and promptly hit back with a try by man-of-the-match, Keith Earls, newly-restored to the Irish front line from long term injury.

As if that wasn't enough of a blow, the men in green then almost repeated the feat – with Wales again on the back foot and forced to concede a penalty – which Jackson converted, to put Ireland almost out of sight at 25-0 as halftime approached.

Wales just had time to finally hit back at last with a neatly-worked try from a lineout near the Irish line – hooker Richard Hibbard scampering over in the corner, to a huge, relieved roar from the rugby-starved home crowd.

Two minutes later, they nearly had more cause to celebrate in the same corner, when left wing Eli Walker performed an acrobatic leap to almost secure what would have been the try of the match, but just failed to touch down, as the whistle sounded the end of a bleak 40 minutes for Wales.

There was another blow in store after the change-over when promising debutant Ross Moriarty (son of Paul and nephew of Richard) was unlucky to get a yellow card and Ireland were quick to capitalise with a fourth try by wing Simon Zebo, converted by Jackson, which stretched the lead to a seemingly unassailable 30-7 margin.

Time to trim the squad… Which way will he look?

Gatland had seen enough and began to empty the replacement bench, but the ironically named Felix *Jones* completed his side's tally, for a workmanlike job well done.

To their credit, this young, inexperienced Welsh side refused to lie down, with the outstanding Justin Tipuric now joined by Taulupe Faletau at the centre of a fight-back that eventually saw Tipuric complete a rare Welsh handling movement to score a try, converted by replacement Gareth Anscombe (winning his first cap since his transfer to Cardiff Blues from the land of his birth, New Zealand).

Amazingly, there was just time to make the final score-line look a little more respectable at 35-21 when he converted a consolation try by his regional team mate, Alex Cuthbert, from the touchline.

However, the Welsh camp can be under no illusions that this below-par performance was anything less than a serious setback to Rugby World Cup planning, with just four weeks or so to go to the tournament kick-off.

In contrast, Irish head coach Joe Schmidt, expressed satisfaction that a number of his players had "put their hands up for World Cup selection".

They had not been surprised by Wales – *"We had an advantage in experience… Our set-piece gave us opportunities and it was a tough environment out there for the Welsh youngsters,"* he observed.

While Saturday's 'friendly' result in itself does not count and will soon be forgotten if Welsh fortunes take the expected upturn, it surely doesn't offer the coaches (or the fans) much to cheer about in terms of achieving strength in depth; and will add to selection dilemmas for the return clash in Dublin.

That in fact may well be an immediate consequence of Saturday's failure to produce a competitive performance against an Ireland team which does not do 'friendly'– and is simply focused on winning each and every game in the run-up to RWC 2015.

Another will be Gatland's first cull of squad players from 46 to 36-38 later this week. He has already signalled that the display against Ireland *"has a huge significance…It was an opportunity for players to go out there and perform…"*

Heads will now roll, and it will be interesting to see where the axe will fall…will it be tight forwards who were found lacking in the battle for possession up front, or mishandling backs, who will be held most responsible for one of the worst displays in Gatland's seven-year tenure?

There will be a lot of nervous players looking to their head coach for reassurance this week.

Halfbacks Mike Phillips and James Hook, in particular, who struggled behind a well-beaten pack in the first half, are said to be about to pay the price for a dismal display that stemmed primarily from the failings of the Welsh front five. What a sad end that would be to their international careers.